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TELEGRAMS.

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FRANCE.

The Idea of a General Conference on the Roman Question not Abandoned—Inquiry as to the Basis of Negotiations—Cause of the Delay in the Meeting.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 30.

The *Patrie*, in an editorial this day, earnestly denounces those who assert that the Conference to which the Government of France has invited the other European Powers for the settlement of the Roman question has been abandoned.

It seems that the great Powers of Europe have determined to ask of the Emperor Louis NAPOLEON the basis of the Conference to which they have been invited by him, and through which France seeks to negotiate a treaty for the settlement of the troubles of Italy.

It is stated that the inability of Gen. MENABREA, the Prime Minister of Italy, to reconstruct his Ministry is now the principal cause of the delay in perfecting the arrangements for the meeting of the Conference.

M. Le Play Appointed a Senator.

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 30.

M. PIERRE G. F. LE PLAY, the distinguished French engineer, who was at the head of the Imperial Commission of the Univeral Exposition, has been made a Senator of France by an Imperial decree which is published in the *Moniteur* to-day.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A Gunshop in Cork Rifled of its Contents by Fenians.

CORK, Monday, Dec. 30.

Last night a gunshop in this city was broken into by a party of eight men, and rifled of its contents. A considerable quantity of arms and ammunition was secured by the robbers, who were undoubtedly Fenians.

JAMAICA.

Effect of Negotiations Alleged to be Incidental to the Intended Sale of the Bay of Samana—Miscellaneous Intelligence.

HAVANA, Monday, Dec. 24.

Advices from Jamaica represent that much curiosity and speculation prevailed there in regard to the visit of the Dominican Commissioner to the United States, with the object, it was supposed, of offering the Harbor of Samana for sale; but nothing definite was known there of the real intentions of the Dominican Government.

Capt. COOPER, the Director of the English Mail Steamship Company, had arrived at Kingston.

Gov. LETTSOM continued to meet with the most cordial reception from the people.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The Louisiana Convention.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Dec. 30.

In the Convention to-day the second article of the Constitution, which was adopted on Saturday, was reconsidered, and Judge TALLIAFERRO's proposition that citizens of the State shall owe allegiance to the United States, which shall be paramount to that which they owe to the State, was incorporated therein after much discussion. Article three, as adopted, declares that there shall never be any Slavery nor involuntary servitude in this State except as punishment for crime. Article four declares the liberty of the press inviolate. Article five declares that the right of the people, in peace, to assemble and to petition the Government shall never be abridged.

Articles six and seven are rehearsals of the common law for the punishment of crime. The concluding paragraph of article seven says the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended.

The Reported Negro Insurrection in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Monday, Dec. 30.

The exaggerated accounts telegraphed from this city, relative to an expected rising of the negroes of the south side counties of the State, have no better foundation than the fact that a few days since a squad of soldiers were sent to Halifax because a disturbance on Christmas was feared. The negro population throughout the State is as quiet—as far as an armed insurrection is concerned—as they have been since their emancipation. Neither the Military Headquarters nor the Freedmen's Bureau have been advised of any apprehended trouble.

Crushed to Death by Street Cars in Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., Monday, Dec. 30.

This evening, JOHN W. SIMONSON, silver-plater on Mechanic-street, while stepping from an Orange horse-car near the corner of Broad and Market streets, was struck by another car, and crushed to death between the two. He leaves a wife and a large family. Dr. DODD, County Physician, will order an inquest to be held.

Reported Sale of Steamers to Boston Merchants.

BOSTON, Mass, Monday, Dec. 30.

The *Post*, of this city, publishes a rumor that parties in New-York have purchased the steamers *Ontario* and *Erie* for $700,000, assuming a lein on the vessels of some $500,000. They cost $2,200,000. The owners of the steamers here deny the report.

Murder at Buckfield, Me.

LEWISTON, Me., Monday, Dec. 30.

A special dispatch to the *Evening Journal* says THOMAS S. BRIDGHAM shot and killed his uncle, MICHAEL BRIDGHAM, in an affray at Buckfield on Saturday evening. He claims to have acted in self-defence.

Heavy Snow-storm in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Monday, Dec. 30.

One of the heaviest snow-storms ever known in this section commenced last night, and has continued without ceasing up to this hour. The snow is now several inches deep, and drifting furiously. The street cars have stopped running.

Two Young Persons Drowned While Skating.

BRANTFORD, C. W., Monday, Dec. 30.

Two young persons, named AMELIA WOODYATT and THOMAS SHAW, aged eighteen years respectively, were drowned in the canal on Saturday while skating. Their bodies were recovered to-day.

A Young Lady Drowned at London, Canada.

LONDON, C. W., Monday, Dec. 30.

Miss ADELAIDE COOPE, while crossing the Thames River this morning, fell through the ice and was drowned.

The Rights of Naturalized Citizens.

BUFFALO, Monday, Dec. 30.

A large meeting in behalf of the rights of naturalized citizens was held here to-night. The Mayor of Buffalo presided. Speeches were delivered and strong resolutions were adopted.

Fire in Quincy, Ill.

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 30.

A fire in Quincy, Ill., on Saturday morning destroyed property valued at $35,000. The principal losers are HARRIS & BROTHERS, tobacconists, $16,000; MALON & SCHROEDER, wholesale liquors, $20,000. There was an insurance of $15,000 in the Lorillard, Security, Liverpool and London, and Globe Insurance Companies, of New York.

More Incendiary Fires in Vicksburgh.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Monday, Dec. 30.

Two more incendiary fires occurred in Vicksburgh on Sunday, one at 3 o'clock A. M., and the other at 9 o'clock P. M. The loss was $45,000, and the insurance $15,000.

Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 30.

A fire this morning destroyed the buildings Nos. 103 and 105 West Randolph-street. The loss is about $10,000; no insurance.

The Treasurer of the Town of Spencer, Mass., Alleged to be a Defaulter.

WORCESTER, Mass., Monday, Dec. 30.

It is reported that THOMAS R. WHITTEMORE, Treasurer of the Town of Spencer, has been guilty of a defalcation to the amount of $20,000. WHITTEMORE has been missing about a week.

Congressional Aid in the South.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Monday, Dec. 30.

Much encouragement is felt here owing to the accounts received from Washington representing the probability of Congressional aid to the planting interest.

Death of Hon. Ferguson Blair, of Canada.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Monday, Dec. 30.

Hon. FERGUSON BLAIR, President of the Council of the Province of Ontario, died last night.

FOREIGN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP DEUTSCHLAND.

The steamship *Deutschland* from Bremen Dec. 14, and Southampton Dec. 17, arrived at this port yesterday with two days later advices than those at hand by the steamship *Scotia*.

The Paris *Patrie* says that M. BELMONTET will in a future interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies renew the reclamation of sums which England owes to France. The same journal and the *Etendard* give an energetic denial to the statement of an American journal concerning the rumored arrival of a French envoy at Mexico. The Emperor NAPOLEON has not sent any representative to JUAREZ.

La France says: "We consider the report doubtful that a rupture between the relations of Prussia and Denmark is imminent. We must admit, however, that the character of the pending negotiations is of a most delicate nature, and may create disagreement between the Prussian Ministry and Herr VON QUAADE, and perhaps subsequently lead to the latter being replaced in his post as Danish Plenipotentiary."

Baron MAGNUS, Prince SALM-SALM and M. ELOIN have arrived at St. Nizaire.

All French troops of the line are now armed with the Chassepot rifle.

In the Italian Parliament, Dec. 14, 15 and 16, the debate on the interpellations relative to the foreign policy of the Government was continued, but no action of moment was taken.

"Vesuvius presented at daybreak this morning," says the *Italia* of Naples of the 10th, "a truly magnificent spectacle. The whole of the upper cone, as well as the Atrio del Cavallo and the great furze plateau, was covered with snow. In the grey light of the morning the burning lava was to be seen ploughing this immense white surface in various directions, whilst a column of smoke rose from the central crater and ascended to a great height."

A Berne dispatch, dated Dec. 16, says: "Large popular meetings were held yesterday at Zurich, Winterthur, Uster and Bulach, at which resolutions were passed in favor of a revision of the Zurich Constitution in a completely democratic sense. During the meeting loud cries of 'down with the present system,' 'away with its supporters,' were uttered."

The latest dispatches from the Abyssinian Expedition, dated Malkatto, (?) Dec. 1, and Aden, Dec. 6, state that Col. MEREWETHER, with the advance brigade, was moving on Lenape. The inhabitants of Okuleh and Kuzeih had tendered their services. The troops were in good health. Col. STAVELY and staff, together with the last detachments of the Scinde Brigade, *en route* for Abyssinia, had passed Aden. Advices from Annesley Bay reported a great scarcity of water. The disease among the mules and horses continued to an alarming extent. A chief of the Tigré, with 6,000 men, had arrived in the British camp.

THE FENIANS.

The Proposed Fenian Procession—Views of the Roman Catholic Clergy Concerning the Recent Outrages.

From the London Times, Dec. 16.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, a meeting of the Liverpool County magistrates was held to take into consideration the subject of the proposed Fenian procession to occur on the morrow. Rev. Canon FISHER attended on behalf of the Roman Catholic clergy, and briefly addressed the Bench, assuring them that himself and his colleagues were very anxious to assist the magistrates in every possible way to preserve the public peace. He also assured them that the Catholic clergy, as a body, had no sympathy with the murderers of Sergt. BRETT, and that they regarded the murder, apart from all political considerations, as a most serious crime. He also handed to the Bench, to be used by them as they might seem fit, the following proclamation:

"To the Irish portion of our beloved flock in the Diocese of Liverpool. Dear children in Jesus Christ—we addressed our flock in the borough of Liverpool a few days ago, and we gave them solemn warning, and an authoritative command that they should abstain from joining or taking any part in the proposed procession to-morrow. As we have at heart your temporal and eternal interests, we repeat the injunction we have already given, and we command you by the authority which we hold from God, and in virtue of our sacred office, that neither in the borough of Liverpool, nor in its neighborhood, nor in any part of the county subject to our jurisdiction, do you hold any meeting or join in any procession. You have been always wont to listen to our words and to obey our commands. Do not send sorrow to us at a time when we are about to celebrate the great Feast of Peace, and to commemorate the wonders of God's love to us all. Pray God bless you and keep you in his peace. "ALEX. GOSS, Bishop of Liverpool."

Yesterday morning the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. CORNTHWAITE, Roman Catholic Bishop of Beverley, was read at morning mass in all the Roman Catholic chapels in Leeds:

SPRINGFIELD HOUSE, LITTLE WOODHOUSE, LEEDS, Dec. 14, 1867.

DEAR CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST: You are invited, we hear it with anxiety and sadness, to join in a procession which we, as your Bishop, feel bound in the sight of God to condemn, and which the authorities of the town have deemed it necessary to prohibit, and, if need be, to prevent.

Has the time come at length when you will refuse to listen to the counsels and warnings of your chief pastor? Has the voice of the Church through his lips lost its power and influence? Are Catholics seriously proposing to celebrate the approach of Christmas, the festival of the Prince of Peace, by an act which all in authority—spiritual and temporal—condemn and forbid as likely to lead to contention and strife?

We cannot, we do not so judge you, dear children in Jesus Christ. We feel assured that you will listen to our words, and that you will obey our commands.

You will absent yourselves from the projected procession, and you will take no part or share in it. You will retire quickly and quietly to your homes after the morning services, and neither by participation nor as spectators give encouragement to an act which may occasion much harm, and can produce no possible good.

As you shall obey our commands we bless you, and commend you and yours to God, that He may have you always in His holy keeping.

†ROBERT, Bishop of Beverley.

Telegrams sent from different parts of the Kingdom, yesterday, announce that no attempt was made to form the intended processions.

Fenianism Must be Crushed Out at any Cost.

From the London Times, Dec. 15.

We desire to abstain from any language which could cause an indiscriminating and unreflecting feeling of indignation: but we cannot but observe that this crime removes all doubt as to the nature of the struggle in which we are now engaged. Our path will no longer be secured by the shadow of political considerations. *The Fenians have cast the glare of a great moral crime upon the debatable ground which separates us*, and we can no longer hesitate in what direction to advance. No man deserving the name will venture to adduce political discontent in palliation of such an outrage as that of Friday. It excludes all considerations but one, that of protecting by every possible method the elementary rights of humanity. Warfare, however desperate, is not to be waged by these means. *and if there can be any reasonable and responsible persons still engaged in the Fenian conspiracy, they are as much interested as we ourselves in putting down such atrocities.* It is fair to notice that BURKE and CASEY themselves, when brought up before the police-court on Saturday, protested their abhorrence of the means which had been employed on their behalf. On the most favorable view, however, they cannot shake off the responsibility of having employed agents who have proved capable of such an outrage. If they are proved to have taken part in organizing the Fenian conspiracy, they cannot escape the guilt of having deliberately let loose on this country a set of wholesale murderers. This is the fact we must now steadily face, and which has been indelibly imprinted on the public mind. We are confronted by a gang of reckless criminals, who respect no laws, human or Divine. We are far from saying that this is the character of all persons who have joined the Fenian movement, or that no other motives are to be taken into account in estimating its origin. But we are justified in saying that this is its practical issue at the present moment. That, and nothing better, is what it has come to; and we must also add that those who, after the exhibition of the characters who have been called together by the conspiracy, continue to belong to it, cannot be excused from full responsibility for all its consequences.

This outrage is unspeakably horrible; but to what, we must ask, except to something of the same nature, could the actions of the Fenians tend? It is impossible to dream of carrying on an open war against the English Government on their own soil, and if Fenianism, therefore, is to coerce us in this country, it must be by isolated acts of violence, more or less murderous, as the occasion prompts. The fact is, we are reminded by this outrage of a truth which has, perhaps, been too much forgotten—we mean that treasonable conspiracies, with exceptions which can never be taken into account beforehand, are not only the highest offence against the bond of society, but naturally bring in their train the worst kinds of ordinary crime. Exceptional circumstances have brought among us an unusually reckless class of conspirators, but to plot treason is to let loose the dogs of war in the heart of a country, and, moreover, to let them loose beyond control. *We can, then, have no parley with men in an attitude of menace. We must crush that at any cost.* This is the first condition of political life, and it is nowhere so essential or so justifiable a principle as in a country like our own. We have free constitutional forms by which all classes are placed on an equality, and channels through which all may make known their wrongs and enforce their rights. To these forms we refer all appellants, and to these all must be compelled to submit. This outrage, therefore, will at least have the advantage of simplifying the course of the government, and strengthening their hands. They cannot now hesitate *in exerting the utmost vigor of the law*, and they will be justified in doing so, not merely in order to punish the perpetrator of the worst crime of modern English history, but to crush a conspiracy of which such outrages, we cannot hesitate to say, are the natural fruit.

The Natural Antipathy of the Irish to the English.

From the London Times, Dec. 17.

It is observable that though all the world is beyond measure shocked at the Clerkenwell massacre, *nobody is surprised.* People not all prejudiced against Ireland, and ready to think her ill-used, think it also *very natural and quite in character that Irishmen should blow up a whole street, and bury the inhabitants under their own houses, in order to save two confederates from another hearing at the Police Court.* Nobody even regards it as an oversight, for there is no escape from the conclusion of an utter indifference to death, mutilations, frightful disfigurements, and dreadful agonies. Everybody was to perish, or to go about the world for the rest of his days minus a limb or a feature, or half of his face, or with worse injury to his brain, just to suit the next turn of the Fenian game. This is a good deal worse than the old idea of burning down a neighbor's house to roast one's own potatoes, for in this case it was something more than timber and thatch that was to be sacrificed to the exigencies of the occasion. There was a thoroughfare full of people, principally children, one of whom was actually utilized in a way to destroy life, and the purpose of giving an air of frolic to the proceeding. The opposite houses were hives of poor people, and had been ascended, by their leave, by the conspirators, to get a view over the prison walls. The men who knew—and it is not everybody who knows it—that a barrel of gunpowder will make a breach in a strong wall, if exploded close to it, knew also that the explosion would act still more terribly on the comparatively unsubstantial structures a few feet over the way. That consequence, and the massacre it involved, must have been fully foreseen, and deliberately taken into account. Now, we are quite sure—indeed, we have no occasion to assume that anybody could think otherwise—that the worst conspiracy of lawless Englishmen that would ever be framed, for fifty innocent men, women and children, even with the gallows in view, to save their lives. The thought would never come into their heads, and they would despise a life to be purchased at so horrible a cost. These Fenians have done it in as quiet and businesslike a way as if it were only taking so many pigs to market, in order to bring back so much money in the pocket.

Now, how is this? It is not quite sufficient to say that Irishmen do not value life. There are races that do not value life, and that care no more for human babes than they do for the cubs of their domestic animals, no more for women than they do for cattle, no more for a native and a laborer than they do for beasts of burden. The Polynesian races will take their children to perish, suffer them to grow up deformities, or destroy them outright, though remarkable for their general gentleness and softness of manner. It is far otherwise with the Irish. Their instincts are quick, their natural affections strong; they certainly excel the English in the success they will make for relations, and even for neighbors and friends adopted into the place of relations. It is but rarely an Englishman sends home from the colonies the money for bringing out some one left behind. Irish remittances of this kind have amounted to a million sterling in one year. Then, how much will they endure, and how long will they subdivide the common stock of the family, to keep a poor body out of the workhouse! It is poverty itself that is the support of Irish mendicancy. There is one still more conclusive argument in their favor. There can be no such thing as poetry or eloquence where there is no sympathy, and the Irish are poets and orators because they have it in them to be good and kind. Then how is it that men on whose nature Heaven itself seems to have smiled, should ever be capable of the cruellest and most detestable villanies, but even excite no surprise by the commission of them? The reason must, we think, be obvious to everybody who has had to do with them, or who has even read carefully what any newspaper will tell him. It is the outrageous egotism, the utter selfishness, the shortsightedness, and downright folly of an exaggerated national sentimen., Of course, it began with the tribe, or the sept, or whatever it was called, and it is only in latter times that local feelings and antagonisms have almost merged in the national, or what is thought national. Putting out of count historical and local variations, the ordinary Irishman just thinks of the object before him—the land to be obtained, the tenure to be secured, the quarrel to be avenged, the nation to be vindicated, the party engagements to be carried out:—and shuts his eyes to everything else in the world. Passion, or fear, or frenzy reduces him to the simplest possible exponent of some iachous feeling. In this disease of the mind the matter in hand swells to colossal proportions, the grievance grows till it hides earth, sun, moon, and stars, and nothing is perceived or felt save the two mighty belligerents, one of whom, at all costs, all risks, must anyhow be smitten and struck down, he and all that belongs to him. All people can be eloquent about the wrongs of Ireland, but few can form the least idea of the sum of unrecorded sufferings inflicted by the native code. Its chief pressure falls on the weak, who cannot even complain to any effect. It falls on widows and orphans, on sisters and younger brothers, on deserted wives, und on those who are everywhere found somewhat below the standard of energy and self-assertion. It is not the suffering of these classes and conditions that fires the eloquence and swells the cheers of a monster meeting. The morbid simplicity of the national sentiment throws all those minor miseries into the same shade as that which buries the victims of predial outrage or national animosity. The cry of Ireland for the Irish and Irish laws for Ireland drives the weaker everywhere to the wall, whether the weaker be of the foreign race or Irish of the Irish. Long before the days of the potato rot and the famine it was the native code itself which had thrown as it were into the roads and hill-sides such a mass of vagrant misery as the world had never seen, and which the smallest occupiers had to relieve in a poor and thriftless fashion. But no foresight of miserable consequences, no misgivings of mind, no qualms of conscience, no sighs of misery, were ever allowed to mitigate the rigor of the Irish code, to moderate an agitation, or to unnerve the hand of the conspirators sworn to do the deed. Had the race been one-eyed, to see a foe alone; one-handed, to do naught but the deed of blood; and with the simplicity of reasoning powers to see one law of life and set of insects, suitable for itself alone, it could not have been more thoroughly made to the hand of agitators and demagogues.

This singleness of instinct and purely tribal sympathy, which makes the Irishman, as a general rule, tender to his own kith and kin, *and simply the enemy and destroyer of every one he may choose to call foreign, leads him to believe the Englishman to be distinct a being as the Irishman.* His present quarrel he believes to be on the part of the Irish with the English. It is not more contrary to the true state of the case than the belief of the South Sea Islander, that all people who come in ships belong to one hostile tribe, and that every crew may be justly visited with the sins of any remote predecessor. There may be plenty of pure Irishmen, for aught we know—and, indeed, it would seem to be so—but there is hardly such a thing as a pure Englishman in this island. In place of the rather vulgarized and very inaccurate phrase, Anglo-Saxon, our national denomination, to be strictly correct, would be a composition of a dozen national titles. In point of fact, this is not a quarrel of race with race, nation with nation, or people with people, but between isolation, exclusion, inhospitality and egotism, on the Irish side, and liberality, hospitality and neighborliness on ours. Everybody who once puts his foot on these shores is free, not only of slavery, but of every national disqualification, if he wishes it. All nations, the Irish among them, can settle here, work here, win here, fare with the rest, and chance it with the rest. Like the most famous States of antiquity, we offer a home to all our neighbors, and are made up by many immigrations, many refugees, many guests and strangers. The Irish portion of this mixed community is quite as large as any that could call itself pure Saxon. It is this fusion of races, and this mixture of blood in every one of us, that makes the English peculiarly capable of seeing all sides of a political question, of feeling sympathy with all parties, and entering somewhat into the case of those who seem most opposite. No Englishman will divide the human race into men to be loved and men to be shot down or blown up at the first opportunity. No ordinary Englishman will think himself and his own people the only objects worth consideration, or elevate some silly dream of advancement to the dignity of a revelation. The whole spirit of English society goes the other way. All egotisms here decay and perish one after another. Everything is here tolerated but that which tolerates not; everything is welcomed but that which hates and bans. We would live peaceably with all people. We invite all to share our liberty, our opportunities, our comforts and our national greatness. The invitation is thrown away—no fault of ours—on those who would only enter to undermine, to divide and to destroy, whether by coarse material agency or tactics hardly less villanous. When we open the door to all and bid them a hearty welcome, and in return for our hospitality receive the knife, or the bullet, or the infernal machine, it is not the assassin who should be glorified for a hero or canonized for a martyr. We entertain all, be they angels or not. Of course, we must sometimes suffer the penalty of a generous confidence. Just now we are suffering a little more than usual.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Views of the British Press Regarding the Purchase by the United States of St. Thomas and St. John.

From the London Morning Star, Dec. 17.

The acquisition by the United States of the West India islands of St. Thomas and St. John is an event of sufficient gravity to warrant an examination into the motives of the nation which has acquired a foothold in that region, and of the probable future results on the scattered communities of those seas belonging to different European Powers. We believe when the late disturbances occurred in Jamaica, and the press of this country was filled with violent denunciations of the negroes, President JOHNSON took advantage of the circumstance to sound the late Sir F. BRUCH as to the probability of our ceding to the United States that magnificent, but up to that time ill-governed island. The exceedingly cold reception with which his overtures were met, induced the President, or rather Mr. SEWARD, for that astute old man is at the bottom of the business, to apply to Denmark, where he has been more successful. The two islands purchased are by no means the best of the Danish possessions—the Island of Santa Cruz, still left to Denmark, being very much larger and more fertile than either of the two little islets which have been ceded. The object of the United States was clearly not to obtain territory, of which it has enough and to spare. We are, therefore, inclined to think that, even if the rumored offer by Spain of Cuba and Porto Rico were true, the Government would not be tempted to buy except upon very advantageous terms. The object of the recent purchase is very frankly pointed out by President JOHNSON in his Message. He reminds his countrymen that in the war of Independence we were able to call the struggling colonists from our West India stations, that the same result happened in 1812, and that in the late civil war the West Indies formed the rendezvous of blockade-runners, while the United States steam-vessels, which were watching them, could only coal up in their own distant harbors. "With the possession of a good and convenient port and harbor in the West Indies," argues Mr. JOHNSON, "neither we nor any other American nation need longer apprehend injury or offence from any transatlantic enemy."

The object of the United States, therefore, has been *to acquire war-ports as a protection against European enemies, and in St. Thomas and St. John they have certainly succeeded in gaining what they desired.* This over-ripe fruit, which has unquestionably attracted all the relations between the countries in the event of a war, and *is of fifty times more importance to England than all the manœuvres which have taken place about Turkey for the last hundred years.* In the event of a great convulsion in our own country, occasioned by the persistent machinations of the American Fenians, St. Thomas and St. John may become an convenient shelters from which to annoy the commerce of England. Certainly in a war with the United States, should that calamity every occur, *the possession of these two islands would entirely alter the balance of power* which has hitherto subsisted between this country and America. We do not point out these results in any spirit of hostility to the United States, but rather to show *the blindness and stupidity of the traditional policy of the Foreign Office.* We are in the act of spending millions under some delusion that in doing so we are keeping up our prestige in the East Indies, while, without a protest, without a murmur, without an exchange of notes, so far as we are at present informed, the great naval rival acquires two islands in the West Indies, avowedly as war-ports against possible Transatlantic enemies.

The presence of the Americans in these latitudes will be *a disturbing cause to the European Powers in peace as well as in war.* Spain especially may proceed at once to set her house in order. Porto Rico, where they are still reigning with all the hateful features, is the near neigabor of St. John's. Imagine the state of mind of the Spanish planters, with *a community of negroes in the possession of manhood suffrage in the next island!* Nor can we escape the difficulties which the advent of this new neighbor will certainly cause in the West Indies. Already the United States have begun to dominate the minds of the negroes. They have not been inattentive observers of what has been passing in the great country which so lately was the chief stay of slavery. They will not watch with less jealousy the possession of the franchise by their lately emancipated brethren when the American flag floats over two of the islands in their midst. In addition to what may be called the very propagandism of American views, an active and most powerful influence will be exerted by the superior commercial activity of the Americans. Although the obtaining of war-ports has been the leading idea of the late acquisition, the intense business activity of the Americans will doubtless soon convert the new colony into a commercial centre, which they will amass all the rich produce of the neighboring islands before launching it upon the markets of the world. *What Port Royal once was St. Thomas will become in the hands of our competitors across the Atlantic.*

ITALY.

The Mistakes of Napoleon's Italian Policy.

From the London Times, Dec. 16.

With boundless and restless aspirations such as France is apt to indulge isolation is unbearable, and the whole world offers her no such natural ally as Italy could and would have become. The conqueror of Solferino, the first mover of Castelfidardo, knew this, and he purchased the good-will of Italy at the expense of Austria and the Pope. But he could hardly hope to reverse his policy and yet retain Italy's benevolence. We hear a great deal about the ingratitude of the Italian nation; but "gratitude," as it has been wisely observed, "is a debt the amount of which is left in blank, so that the debtor and the creditor never agree as to the sum due." Italy might have been called upon to give up her life for France, *but she could hardly be expected to sacrifice herself for the Pope, when France herself had practically acknowledged the necessity of sacrificing the Pope to Italy.* The claims of France were grounded on the emancipation of the Peninsula from the Alps to the sea; they can hardly be brought forward at the very moment in which the work of emancipation is at every risk of being undone by French hands. For aught that may have happened, however, if Italy is to be allowed to live, the mutual relations between the two countries cannot be permanently altered; their need of each other will be no less pressing; and France, who is more free to act, must be fain to make the first advances toward a renewal of that good understanding which she has unhappily forfeited.

The Emperor NAPOLEON is a powerful monarch, and he naturally thinks *he can put back the age by two or three years.* But neither his reoccupation of Rome nor his Minister's declaration in the Legislative Body can bring back the situation of September, 1864. The Convention that bears that date was never meant as a boon to Italy; it was put forward as the only means of freeing France from an untenable position. It was not Italy merely that solicited the recall of the French troops from Rome; that step was taken in obedience to the laws of progress in France, and to the consciousness of the impossibility of making the Papacy amenable to those laws. The same Sovereign could not be the offspring of the Revolution in France and the Eldest Son of the Church in Italy. He could not promulgate the Civil Code in Paris and enforce the Syllabus in Rome. Whatever fault may be found with the French people, that of using two weights and two measures is the last chargeable to them. In love as they are with themselves and their institutions, they never grudge to others what they deem good for themselves. After gravely discussing the expediency of incorporating Algeria with the French Empire, they *could hardly wish the Romans to be for ever doomed to a condition which they would deem unbearable to their own Bedouin subjects.* The Emperor ought to know his own people too intimately to look upon their present mood as lasting. The appeal to France sober must needs be inevitable, or his own position would not be worth a year's purchase. The France of the NAPOLEONS is not that of M. BERRYER, neither is it that of M. THIERS. The THIERS policy is not friendly to the Pope; it is simply hostile to Italy. It is not to September, 1864, but to April, 1859, that M. THIERS could bring back France and Europe. That policy, indeed, shows a salutary respect for the strong, and only insists upon the humiliation of the weak. M. THIERS would not attempt to break up Germany, nor even to break up Italy, lest offence or alarm should be given to Germany. But he makes no mystery of his ill-will to both countries, and in the meanwhile he holds up his sword-point, with more than half a hope that Italy may throw herself upon it. On such principles as M. THIERS professes, the peace of Europe hangs on a thread. Either his policy must be disavowed or France must prepare for a strife to which her neighbors will be driven in self-defence. With the faintest prospect of war, the awkwardness of France's position at Rome would be made manifest. The position taken up by France at Rome by the vote of the 5th is a first step in the direction of the Thiers policy. Either that policy must be pursued further, or that first step must be retraced.

GEN. GEORGE A. CUSTER.

His Letter Defending Himself Against the Charges on Which He Was Court-martialed.

The Sandusky (Ohio) *Register*, in publishing Gen. CUSTER's letter defending himself against the charges on which he was recently court-martialed and sentenced to suspension from his command for one year, alludes to a statement published in a Michigan paper, which purported to be an authentic account of CUSTER's offences, and says: "Having served under Gen. CUSTER's command during the better part of his singularly brilliant career, and still feeling a lively interest in the good name of a comrade whose temporary political error could not blind us to his great qualities, or to his many services, to his well-earned fame, we inclosed him the statement referred to, expressing the belief that said statement was either wholly false or grossly exaggerated."

Gen. CUSTER's reply is very long, and is dated at Fort Leavenworth Dec. 21. He begins by declaring that the statements in the printed slip are totally untrue. He denies that he was cruel to his men, and says that at his trial there was but one specification which even implied cruelty upon his part, and upon this the evidence of the medical officer. Dr. COATES, the only witness examined on this point, was clearly and decidedly against such an assertion. The Court, in fact, while finding him "guilty of directing the men to be placed in a wagon," (which was done at Dr. COATES' request, as the ambulance was unfit for use,) excepted the words charged, and added that they attached no criminality thereto.

In reply to the statement that on one occasion Gen. CUSTER sent back an officer with instructions to shoot some "tired men" who had fallen behind in a long march, claiming that they intended to desert, he says that at the time he alludes to, he left his command, after resting one day and two nights on the Platte River, set out at 5 o'clock in the morning, and in six hours made fifteen miles, being two and a half miles per hour, or one mile less than the average march per hour of cavalry when moving with the utmost deliberation, and the entire command was then halted for rest and refreshments, and the horses were unsaddled and grazed. This continued until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when it was determined to march ten miles further to a good camp and abundance of water, it being impossible to find the necessary amount of the latter at a less distance. The command originally numbered 300 men; of these, 34 had deserted the previous night, and Gen. CUSTER had been informed, both by officers and reliable enlisted men, of a scheme by which these desertions were to be followed by that of a large proportion of the men remaining. To frustrate this, as well as for the reasons above given, he determined to get further from the settlements, as they were then surrounded by hostile Indians, and the soldiers might be deterred from deserting by the increased danger. When about to start he was told by an officer that thirteen men were then hastening toward the Platte, and that no doubt they were deserting. All were armed, and, as was afterwards learned, each man, by robbing comrades in camp, had supplied himself with double the usual allowance of ammunition. Pursuit was ordered, and to the first officer who reported mounted, ranks opened to view, and bring them back at all hazard, the order given being so worded that the officers who were to execute it were directed and authorized to proceed to any extremity, even to the taking of life, if necessary to the proper discharge of their duty. All the officers present, whose horses were saddled, including the second in command, volunteered to assist in executing the order. This was testified to before the Court, and not controverted. When asked by a member of the Court what reasons induced them to volunteer, they said that the emergency was great, the necessity for prompt action strong, and that the deserters would otherwise have escaped. After a pursuit of from three to five miles, three of the deserters who could not be recovered, were overtaken. One of them raised his carbine to fire upon the senior officer, and the pursuing party thereupon fired, wounding three men, one of them severely. The remaining three surrendered and the six men were taken back to camp. The seven who were mounted had selected the best horses in the command, and have never been heard of. No further attempt at desertion was made during the time Gen. CUSTER remained in command.

Gen. CUSTER justifies himself in these stringent and unusual measures by the orders of Gen. HANCOCK, who at the time commanded the Department, Forty men had previously deserted from Gen. CUSTER's regiment, or a portion of it commanded by Col. SHERIDAN, a brother of the General, and Gen. HANCOCK telegraphed an order to SHERIDAN, and to almost every subordinate commander in his department, directing them to be on the alert for this party, and ordering that the entire party should be "killed or captured," adding that it would have a decidedly good effect upon the army if his order could be carried out. Gen. CUSTER also gives the following:

"Of the customs of war there are many instances to sustain my action. I will refer to one only, but one—the order signed by no less distinguished an officer than Major-Gen. PHILIP H. SHERIDAN. You doubtless remember the occasion which produced the order; it was in the Winter of 1864, while the Cavalry Division which I had the honor to command, and of which you were a prominent officer, was in winter quarters near Winchester, Virginia. Two men of the Third New Jersey Cavalry were arrested as deserters about one mile beyond our line of pickets by one of Gen. SHERIDAN's staff officers. Without any trial other than a personal examination of the facts, Gen. SHERIDAN, with his own hand, signed an order (which order I still retain) directing me, as Division Commander, to cause the two men referred to be shot to death by musketry in the presence of the brigade to which they belonged—the same to which your regiment was attached. This order I executed to the letter, with this exception only, that I caused the execution—which was intended, and properly, too, as an example—to be witnessed by the entire division instead of but by one brigade."

He then details the aggravated circumstances under which these men attempted to desert from his command. The command was actively engaged in a hostile country, surrounded by overwhelming numbers of untriendly Indians; already reduced by numerous desertions; it had before it a march of hundreds of miles; it was intrusted with thousands of dollars worth of Government property to defend and conduct this safely through the hostile country before it, required the combined strength, watchfulness and courage of the entire force. Some well-informed officers even doubted the ability of the full force to make the march successfully; with greatly diminished numbers the opinion was unanimous that the proposed march, which had been ordered by Lieut.-Gen. SHERMAN, would be impracticable and too hazardous. Under these circumstances Gen. CUSTER felt that nothing but the most summary measures would prevent his command from going to pieces. All less severe measures had failed, but by these desertion was effectually checked. Gen. CUSTER said:

"As I stated in my defence, instead of being arraigned before a Court-martial for my acts I believed, and still believe, I should have received the commendation of my superior officers. I further stated, what I here reiterate with more confidence than ever, that had I failed to adopt the stringent measures I did, for the preservation and maintenance of discipline in my command, and the scheme for the desertion of a large proportion of my command had been carried out, I should have deserved to be, and should have been, arraigned before a court-martial on my return for incompetency and 'neglect of duty.' As to the existence of this plot or scheme for desertion, the most reliable officers and enlisted men of the command testified before the court that from one fourth to a large proportion of the command would have deserted the following night, had it not been for my action preventing it."

COMPOSITION OF THE COURT.

After denying that he had been absent from his command without authority, Gen. CUSTER says:

"Three of the officers composing the Court belonged to the General Staff, or Staff Corps of the army, and as such are never called upon to exercise command of troops in the field; and, so the best of my knowledge and belief, neither of the officers referred to ever commanded an organized company of troops. It was this fact that induced me particularly to remark upon the unfavorable composition of the Court; and the provision in the English law that commanding officers, to be tried, should be tried by officers who had had experience in commanding troops, was highly just, for the reason that such officers would be better able to judge correctly of the responsibilities which a commanding officer must sometimes assume, and could appreciate the measures he may have been compelled to adopt in order to maintain his authority and preserve discipline. In making the remark to which I have referred, I was uninfluenced by personal considerations, as one of the officers included in it is a warm personal friend, as well as a classmate of mine. Again, the charges, although signed by other officers, were preferred at the instance of Gen. HANCOCK. He being considered the prosecutor, the law prevented him from issuing the order for any trial, consequently it was issued from the War Department. Among the members of the court, including therein the Judge-Advocate, were three officers of Gen. HANCOCK's staff, one of whom is now his secretary. One of these staff officers, at least, had, prior to the assembling of the court, expressed so bissed an opinion against me and had so prejudged me before trial, that when asked if I objected to being tried by any officer named in the order, I stated my objections to this officer for the reasons just given, the effect of which objections was that the member referred to was not allowed to sit longer on my trial. Among other expressions used by this officer in discussing the merits of my case was this, that I "was a new-comer in the army, and had only graduated in 1861." This remark, although trifling in itself, expressed a great deal. Many officers believe that rank and position in the army should depend upon the year a man leaves West Point, no matter what may follow his graduation. The officer to whom I refer entered West Point when my years could be numbered by the thumbs of his hands. Other officers of the Court were still his seniors in years. I cannot believe, however, and do not assert, that all officers are jealous of another's rank merely because the latter may be so

NECROLOGY FOR 1867.

AMERICA.

JANUARY.

1.—DORGAN, JOHN AYLMER, a young but remarkably gifted poet of Philadelphia, died in that city of consumption, aged 31 years.

1.—FINE, Hon. JOHN, an eminent lawyer and jurist of Northern New-York, County Judge of St. Lawrence County, 1824–1839, M. C. 1839–1841, County Treasurer 1821–1833, County Judge again 1844–1847, State Senator 1846, author of a volume of law lectures, died at Ogdensburgh, N. Y., aged 82 years.

1.—CUMMINGS, Rev. MOSES, a Christian Minister and long the editor of the leading religious paper of his denomination, and a zealous friend of Antioch College, died in New-York City, aged 81 years.

1.—KENNEDY, DIEGO LENNOX, Vice-Consul of the United States at Jalapa, Mexico, where he had resided since 1838, an eminent American merchant on the Pacific Coast, the founder of Masatlan, died at Vera Cruz, at an advanced age.

7.—HAYNE, Col. ARTHUR P., formerly for many years Aide-de-camp to Gen. JACKSON, and a prominent and venerable citizen of Charleston, S.C., died in that city.

7.—AUNT MILLY, a colored woman, said to be the oldest person in Virginia, died at the residence of Capt. HARRIS, Nelson County, Va., aged 135 years.

7.—JAMES, CAROLINE, a woman of color, the mother of 35 children, and held as a slave till the evacuation of Richmond in April, 1865, died in that city aged 130 years.

8.—STARR, Rev. FREDERICK, Jr., a very eloquent and faithful Presbyterian clergyman, (N. S.,) died at St. Louis, Mo.

14.—UPDYKE, Hon. WILKINS, for half a century one of the leading public men of Rhode Island, died at his residence in South Kingston, R. I., aged 82 years.

15.—HAZARD, Capt SAMUEL F., U. S. N., an officer of the naval service, who entered it as Midshipman in 1823, and after more than twenty years' sea service was promoted to a Captaincy in 1862, died at Newport, R. I.

19.—ROBINSON, HORATIO N., LL. D., a mathematician, and author of the very popular series of mathematical text books published under his name, died at Elbridge, N. Y., aged 62 years.

20.—WILLIS, NATHANIEL PARKER, one of the most distinguished poets and essayists in the United States, the author of numerous volumes, and editor for many years of the *Home Journal*, &c., died at Idlewild, on the Hudson, aged 60 years.

25.—PENNINGTON, Hon. ALEXANDER C. M., a prominent lawyer of New-Jersey, M. C. from that State, 1853–1857, and previously for two years a member of the State Legislature, died in New-York City, aged 56 years.

27.—DAVIS, CHARLES AUGUSTUS, an eminent New-York merchant and literary man, author of "Peter Schlemihl" and one series of the "Major Downing Letters," and an active promoter of large mercantile enterprises, died in New-York City, aged 72 years.

27.—EDDRED, Hon. NATHANIEL B., former y M. C. from Pennsylvania, and for four years Mayor of the port of Philadelphia, died at Bethany, Penn., aged 72 years.

27.—BROWN, Hon. MASON, a jurist and statesman, of Kentucky, long Circuit Judge, and from 1855 to 1859 Secretary of State in Kentucky, the father of Hon. B. GRATZ BROWN, died at Frankfort, Ky.

30.—CHAMBERS, Judge EZEKIEL F., State Senator in Maryland, 1822–1826, United States Senator from Maryland, 1826–1834, Chief Judge of Second Judicial Circuit, and Judge of the Court of Appeals, 1834–1851, member of State Constitutional Convention, 1850, offered post of Secretary of Navy in 1852, but declined, LL.D. Yale College 1833, Delaware College 1852, died in Charlestown, Md., aged 79 years.

31.—WAINWRIGHT, Col., United States Ordnance Department, for many years connected with the Ordnance Department, became insane through the delusions of spiritualism, and committed suicide at Benicia, Cal.

FEBRUARY.

1.—JOHNSON, Hon. PHILIP, member of Congress from Pennsylvania, 1861–'7, and previously member of Pennsylvania Legislature and Revenue Commissioner in Third Judicial District of Pennsylvania, died in Washington, D. C., aged 49 years.

1.—MERRICK, Hon. PLINY, Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts for the past 13 years, and previously for 10 or 12 years Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, died in Boston, aged 72 years.

2.—WILSON, FORCEYTHE, an American poet, author of the "Old Sergeant" and other poems, died at Alfred Centre, N. Y.

2.—HUNT, Ex-Gov. WASHINGTON, a prominent political leader in New-York, First Judge of Niagara County Court, 1836, member of Congress 1843–49, Whig Comptroller of the State 1849-51, Governor of New-York 1851–3, defeated the next term, joined the Democratic Party in 1856, member Chicago Convention, 1864, died in New-York City, aged 55 yea s.

2.—OTIS, JAMES F., a writer for the Press for thirty years, and connected at different times as editor or correspondent with the *Express*, the *Spirit of the Times*, the New-Orleans *Picayune* and other papers, died in Boston.

3.—HEWITT, NATHANIEL, D. D., an eminent Presbyterian clergyman and author, died in Bridgeport, Conn., aged 80 years.

6.—LEE, HENRY, a candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1832, who received the electoral vote of South Carolina, died in Boston, aged 85 years.

9.—MUNROE, Rev. SAMUEL Y., D. D., a distinguished Methodist clergymen, and one of the Secretaries of the Church Extension Committee of that church, was killed near Jersey City depot by falling under the cars.

9.—AIKEN, Hon. JOHN, a citizen of Massachusetts, a member of the Massachusetts Executive Council under Gov. ERICGS, 1844–1851, Treasurer of the Cocheco Manufacturing Company and an officer of numerous religious and benevolent societies, died at Andover, Mass., aged 70 years.

12.—ORTON, JASON R., M. D., a physician and poet, author and editor of the *Binghamton Courier*, and subsequently of the *Weekly Review* of Brooklyn, N. Y., died in that city, aged 61 years.

17.—BACHE, ALEXANDER DALLAS, LL. D., an eminent physicist, a graduate of West Point, Professor of Mathematics in University Pennsylvania in 1827, President Gerard College from 1856 to 1843, and organized at the same time Philadelphia High School, Chief of the Coast Survey from 1843 till 1867, died at Newport, R. I., of softening of the brain, aged 60 years.

19—GOODELL, WILLIAM, D D., a Congregational clergyman, and for more than forty years a Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. to Turk y; the translator of the Scriptures into Armeno-Turkish, and author of several works, died in Philadelphia, aged 75 years.

18.—DOWNING, SAMUEL, said to be the last of the Revolutionary pensioners; was in the army from 1776 to 1779; died at Edinburgh, near Amsterdam, N. Y., aged 105 years.

20.—STRATTON, HENRY DWIGHT, one of the founders and managers of Bryant, Stratton & Co.'s chain of Business Colleges, died in New-York City, aged 53 years.

22.—DEVLIN, DANIEL, City Chamberlain, and a prominent merchant and politician of New-York, died in New-York City, aged 53 years.

22.—ALEXANDER, Hon. HENRY P., a prominent politician of Central New-York, M. C. from Herkimer County district in 1849–51, died at Little Falls, N. Y., aged 69 years.

23.—LILLIE, Rev. JOHN, D. D., a (O. S.) Presbyterian clergyman, author and translator, for several years engaged in the translation of portions of the Bible Union's version of the Scriptures, and subsequently pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Kingston, N. Y., died there, aged 64 years.

24.—MALL, HENRY W. T., Consul-General of Belgium for the United States, at the Port of New-York, one of the leading and most patriotic merchants of New-York, died at Fordham, Westchester County, N. Y., aged 63 years.

25.—HOLMES, Hon. ISAAC E., M. C. from Charleston, S. C., 1839–1851, and subsequently for some years a resident of California, died in Charleston., aged 71 years.

25.—TIFFITT, Rev. CHARLES B., D. D., an eminent Methodist clergyman, for a number of years one of the managers of the Methodist Book Concern, and long a prominent member of that Church, died in Hookessin, Howard County, Md., aged 65 years.

27.—DE BOW, JAMES DUNWOODY BROWNSON, a Southern journalist and statistician, editor of the *Southern Quarterly* and of *De Bow's Commercial Review*, and formerly Superintendent of the seventh United States Census, died at Elizabeth, N. J., aged 47 years.

27.—WARD, Gen. AARON, a prominent and distinguished citizen of New-York, Captain in the Regular Army in 1813, District-Attorney for Westchester County, Major-General Militia, N. Y., M. C. 1825-29, 1831-37, and 1841 43, died at Georgetown, D. C., aged 76 years.

28.—WILLIAMSON, AMOS J., a New-York politician and editor, proprietor of the *Star*, the *Times*, the *Dispatch* and for a time of the *Universe*, Commissioner of Taxes from 1855 to his death, died in New-Orleans.

28.—CORNWELL, Commander JOHN JACOB, U. S. N., Executive officer of the *Miantonomoh*, died in Europe, on board his ship.

28.—KELLOGG, Surgeon S. WILSON, U. S. N., Fleet-Surgeon South-Atlantic Squadron, died suddenly at Montevideo, South America, aged 57 years.

MARCH.

5.—COCHRANE, Hon. CLARK B., an active politician of New-York, M. C. from 1857 to 1861, and subsequently a member of the State Legislature, where he was the acknowledged leader of the House, died in Albany, N. Y., aged 52 years.

6.—SOULE, Right Rev. JOSHUA, Bishop of the Methodist Church South, a preacher for 68 years and Bishop since 1824, died at Nashville, Tenn., aged 86 years.

6.—BROWNE, CHARLES F., ("Artemus Ward,") an American humorist, editor, lecturer and author, died in Southampton, Eng., of consumption, aged 32 years.

10.—RUGGLES, EDWARD, M. D., a physician and artist, of Brooklyn, N. Y., distinguished alike for his executive attainments in his profession and for his skill in painting a class of small pictures, known from his name as "Ruggles' Gems," died in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 50 years.

12.—ENGEL, Mrs. CATHERINE, a native of Germany, who lost her husband in Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Moscow, and afterward emigrated to this country, where she had resided for many years, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 106 years.

13.—TURNER, Col. LEVI C., Judge-Advocate-General in the War Department for four years past, and previously an editor and correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* and New-York *Tribune*, died in Washington, aged 61 years.

14.—WOODRUFF, HIRAM, a famous trainer and driver of trotting-horses, died in Jamaica, L. I., of congestion of the brain, aged 50 years.

15.—MARKLE, Gen. JOSEPH, a prominent citizen of Pittsburg, Penn., a soldier of the Whisky War of 1798 and of the war of 1812, candidate of the Whig Party for Governor in 1842, died at Pittsburgh, aged 89 years.

16.—BAMES, Hon. CHARLES, an eminent lawyer, of Providence, R. I., for several years Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, and Minister Resident at Venezuela, in 1854, died in Washington, D. C., aged 55 years.

19.—STRONG, WILLIAM K., Brigadier-General of Volunteers, in the Army of the West, during the earlier portions of the war, and previously a prominent merchant of New-York City, died there, aged 62 years.

21.—HOFF, JESSE, a New-York lawyer and politician, for some years a member of the New-York Legislature, Collector of the Port, 1838–1840, and subsequently concerned in some extensive mercantile enterprises, died in New-York City, aged 75 years.

20.—CLARK, Dr. RALLIN, J., a physician of Saratoga County, N. Y., the founder of the first regularly-organized temperance society in the United States, a member of the Electoral College in 1848, and repeatedly a member of the New-York Legislature, died at Glenn's Falls, N. Y., aged 90 years.

20.—HUNT, THOMAS, M. D., an eminent physician and medical professor of New-Orleans, a native of Charleston, S. C., the founder and for many years a leading professor in the medical department of the University of Louisiana, died at New-Orleans, aged 59 years.

23.—BURTIS, ARTHUR, D. D., a Presbyterian clergyman and Professor of Greek in Miami University, having previously been pastor successively of several prominent Presbyterian churches in New-York, died at Oxford, Ohio, aged 60 years.

25.—CLARK, ABEL N., publisher, and for many years one of the editors, of the *Connecticut Weekly* and *Daily Courant*, at Hartford, died in that city, aged 48 years.

26.—BAILEY, Brig.-Gen. JOSEPH, a volunteer engineer officer, whose skill and genius extricated Admiral FARRAGUT's fleet from its perilous position on Red River, and who, after the war, was elected Sheriff of Vernon County, Mo., was brutally murdered while in the discharge of his duties by two villains by the name of PIXLEY.

29.—RIDDLE, Hon. GEORGE READE, member of Congress from Delaware, 1851–'55, and United States Senator from that State since 1855, died in Washington, D. C., of consumption, aged 60 years.

APRIL.

3.—RANDOLPH, GEORGE M., formerly rebel Secretary of War, died in Richmond, Va.

5.—EVANS, Hon. GEORGE, Member of Congress from Maine, 1829–1841, and United States Senator from same State from 1841 to 1847, also Attorney-General of Maine from 1853 to 1856, died in Portland, Me., aged 70 years.

8.—WOOD, Rev. JAMES, D. D., President of the Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Institute, at Hightstown, N. J., died there.

8.—ROANE, JOHN SELDEN, Governor of Arkansas in 1848, Colonel in the Mexican war and Brigadier-General in the Confederate service, died at Pine Bluff, Ark.

9.—BARRAS, Mrs. C. M., (Sallie St. Clair,) a popular actress, died at Buffalo, N. Y.

9.—STEARNS, Major-Gen. GEORGE L., an enterprising merchant of Boston, founder and supporter for years of the Boston *Commonwealth*, and subsequently of the *Right Way*, and an officer of colored troops in the late war, died in New-York City.

14.—ABRAHAMS, SIMEON, M. D., a wealthy physician of New-York, died in that City, aged 58 years. He left his entire property of $300,000 to charitable objects.

15.—FIELD, Rev. DAVID D., D. D., a Congregational clergyman and author, father of CYRUS W., DAVID D. and Rev. H. M. FIELD, died at Stockbridge, Mass., aged 86 years.

16.—TIMON, Right Rev. JOHN, R. C. Bishop of Buffalo since 1847, died in that city of erysipelas.

17.—ANDREW, Hon. JOSEPH A., Governor of New-Hampshire 1863–1864, and President of the State Senate in 1859, died in Concord, aged 55.

20.—MCDONALD, Dr. ALEXANDER, of South Boston, Mass., formerly Chief Inspector of the Sanitary Commission of the Army of the Potomac, died in New-York City while returning from a voyage to Havana for his health.

27.—CRAIGHEAD, Capt. JOHN P., U. S. N., twenty-nine years in the service, died on board of a steamer at the mouth of the Red Sea on his way home from Japan.

28.—BENEDICT, ADIN W., Clerk of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Secretary of Republican State Central Committee, died at Huntington, Penn.

28.—MARSHALL, Hon. SAMUEL S., member of Congress from the Eleventh Illinois District, 1854–59 and 1864–67, and for several years Circuit Judge for the Twelfth District, died at McLeansboro, Ill.

29.—BRADDOCK, Rear-Admiral CADWALADER, U. S. N., 44 years in the service, and during the late war a prominent actor in the engagements at Port Royal, died in New-York, aged 65 years.

29.—PAULDING, Commander LEONARD, U. S. N., 27 years in the service, and prominent in several important engagements during the late war, died while on duty in the Pacific Squadron in the Bay of Panama.

30.—JACKSON, ——, a colored woman, nurse to Gen. T. J. JACKSON, died in Jackson, Tenn., aged 114 years.

MAY.

1.—CHASE, Hon. GEORGE W., member of Congress from the Otsego District, N. Y., 1853-55, died at his residence in Maryland, Otsego County, N. Y.

6.—CALHOUN, HENRY, Deputy Collector of Customs in New-York for nearly 16 years, brother of Hon. W. B. CALHOUN and Rev. S. H. CALHOUN, D. D., missions y in Palestine, died in New-York.

7.—HISE, Hon. ELIJAH, member of Congress from Louisville, Ky., committed suicide, while under an attack of mental depression, at his residence.

10.—POND, CHARLES F., President of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad for 25 years, a prominent citizen of Hartford, died there, aged 58 years.

11.—WRIGHT, Hon. JOSEPH A., United States Minister to Prussia, 1857-1861 and 1865-7, Governor of Indiana 1849-1857, and United States Senator 1862-3, died in Berlin, Prussia.

11.—LAVALLE, Right Rev. P. G., Roman Catholic Bishop of Louisville, died at Bardstown, Ky.

15.—PHILLIPS, JONAS B., an eminent lawyer and author of New-York, formerly District-Attorney of that City, died there.

18.—HALL, HIRAM ALLEN A., United States Minister to Bolivia, and for nearly 26 years in diplomatic and other Government service, died in Bolivia.

19.—TOWNSEND, WM. B. for some years an editor of the *Daily Advertiser* and of the New-York *Express*, died at Clifton State Island, aged 77.

21.—GILES, Rev. WALTER P., missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. to Turkey, died at Bebeck, Constantinople.

22.—FRENCH, Commander, HENRY, U. S. N., (Retired List,) 59 years in the service, died in East Boston, Mass., aged 56 years.

29.—SMITH, Hon. ALBERT, M. C. from Maine, 1839–1842, and for several years subsequently in Government employ, died in Boston, aged 74 years.

29.—HALE, Lieut.-Col. NORMAN J., U. S. A., a participator in the Peninsular campaign, at Fredericksburgh, Gettysburgh and elsewhere, died in New-York.

JUNE.

2.—SARGENT, LUCIUS MANLIUS, a veteran writer of remarkable ability, author of *Temperance Tales* and some poems of great merit, died at West Roxbury, Mass., aged 81 years.

4.—LUMPKIN, JOSEPH HENRY, Chief-Justice of Georgia since 1848, died at Athens, Ga., aged 68 years.

5.—HAWES, JOEL, D. D., an eminent Congregational clergyman and author, for fifty years pastor of the Centre Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn., died in Calead, Conn., aged 77 years.

7.—TREMBLE, J. M., a theatrical architect, and the owner and manager of the Albany Academy of Music, died in Albany, aged 54 years.

7.—O'HARA, Col. THEODORE, formerly an officer in the U. S. A., and subsequently connected with the Lopez and Walker invasions and with the rebellion, and also had some reputation as a literary man, died in Bourbon County, Ala.

7.—CALHOUN, Rev. GEORGE ALBION, D. D., an eminent Congregationalist clergymen and polemic writer, died in North Coventry, Conn., aged 78.

9.—PITCH, J. M., editor of the *Oberlin Evangelist* through its whole existence, died at Oberlin, Ohio.

9.—PECK, Hon. H. E., United States Minister Resident to Hayti, formerly a Congregational clergyman and Professor in Oberlin College, died at Port-au-Prince, Hayti.

11.—KING, Hon. JAMES GORE, a partner in the banking-house of JAMES G. KING & SONS, and from 1850 to 1852 Judge of the Supreme Court of New-York, died in that City, aged 48 years.

12.—WHITE, Judge JAMES W., of the Supreme Court of New-York, a zealous Union man, and for some years editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, died at his country seat at Cohocton, N. Y.

16.—ABBOTT, Brevet Col. ROBERT O., Surgeon U. S. A., died in Brooklyn, N. Y.

19.—MILLS, Rev. THORNTON A., D.D., Secretary of the N. S. Presbyterian Committee of Education, and an able scholar, writer and preacher, died suddenly at Hoboken Ferry, N. J., aged 57 years.

19.—NEWTON, Hon. ISAAC, Commissioner of Agriculture since 1862, died at Washington, D. C.

19.—DODGE, Gen. HENRY, First Territorial Governor of Wisconsin, and subsequently for many years U. S. Senator from Wisconsin, died at Burlington, Iowa.

24.—RITCHIE, DAVID, M. C., from Pittsburgh District, Pennsylvania, from 1833 to 1853, and subsequently Judge of Allegheny County, died in Pittsburgh.

27.—DENISON, Hon. CHARLES, M. C. from Twelfth District Pennsylvania 1864–67, died at Wilkesbarre, Penn.

30.—PEARSON, Rear Admiral GEORGE F., U. S. N., 52 years in service, died at Portsmouth, N. H.

JULY.

1.—MEAGHER, Gen. THOMAS FRANCIS, Secretary and Acting Governor of Montana, an Irish exile, and General in the late war, was drowned at Fort Benton, Dakota Territory.

3.—POWELL, Hon. LAZARUS W., Governor of Kentucky 1851–55, and United States Senator from the State 1859–65, died in Henderson, Ky.

4.—BAKER, Hon. J. WAYLES, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Middle District of Florida for nearly twenty years, died in Tallahassee.

5.—WAYNE, Hon. JAMES M., of the Supreme Court United States, died 1833, and M. C. from 1829 to 1835, died in Washington, D. C.

8.—KING, Hon. JOHN A., Governor of New-York 1857–59, Member of Congress two terms, died in Jamaica, L. I., aged 79 years.

8.—MILLS, Prof. ABRAHAM, an author of some celebrity, died in New-York.

14.—ESCOBY, Rev. THOMAS FIELDING, missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Oregon and Washington Territory, died in New-York City, aged 62 years.

17.—HITCHCOCK, D. D., M. D., an eminent physician in the Cherokee nation, and at the time of his death Pension Agent of that nation, died at Fort Gibson, C. N., of cholera.

18.—BERGEN, Hon. JOHN G., one of the Police Commissioners since 1860, for many years a member of the Board of Supervisors, and in 1854 of the State Assembly, died in Brooklyn, aged 53.

20.—CHANDLER, Gen. SAMUEL, one of the veterans of the war of 1812, Major-General of Massachusetts militia, and a member of both branches of the State Legislature, died at Lexington, Mass., aged 73.

20.—MCGILL, Lieut.-Gen. GEORGE MCCULLOCH, Assistant Surgeon U. S. A. from 1865, Acting Medical Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, and subsequently at New-York Harbor and New-Mexico, died in Colorado of cholera.

23.—SPEAR, JOHN JAMES, a newspaper writer of some ability, formerly connected with the *Irish Times*, Dublin, with the New-York *Herald* and New-York *World*, died in New-York City, aged 25 years.

23.—GOLDSBOROUGH, Hon. BRICE J., Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals since 1861, and for more than 20 years previous an Associate District Judge, died near Cambridge, Md., aged 64 years.

26.—MACE, Hon. DANIEL, Member of Congress from Indiana 1851-1855, and at the time of his death Postmaster at Lafayette, Ind., committed suicide by shooting.

26.—RIPLEY, Mrs. SARAH ALDEN, a woman of rare intellectual culture and attainments, died at Concord, Mass., aged 74 years.

28.—MCCLENAHAN, JOHN, a journalist employed on the *Herald* staff, died in Brooklyn, aged 32 years.

29.—ANTHON, CHARLES, LL. D., Professor of Languages in Columbia College, Rector of the Grammar School, and author of about 50 college text and reference books, died in New-York, aged 70 years.

31.—SEDGWICK, Miss CATHARINE MARIA, an eminent American writer, author of numerous novels, essays and tales of great merit, died in Roxbury, Mass., aged 78 years.

AUGUST.

1. SPENCER, Mrs. BELLA Z., a young American authoress, wife of Gen. GEORGE E. SPENCER, U. S. V., died at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

2. COGGESHALL, Hon. WM. T., United States Minister to Ecuador, and for many years editor successively of the Cincinnati *Gazetteer*, Springfield *Republic* and the Columbus *Journal*, died in Quito.

5. MAGAURAN, EDWARD, formerly an officer in the British army, and for many years a distinguished *literateur* of New-York, died at St. Luke's Hospital.

5. TAYLER, Brevet Lieut-Col. GEORGE, Surgeon U. S. A., and Medical Director of the District of Texas, died at Galveston.

5. FOSTER, Ex-Gov. DAVID R., Governor of Pennsylvania, 1839, 1845, and previously a member of both branches of the Legislature, died at Harrisburgh, Penn.

6. MURAT, Mme. C. D., widow of Prince ACHILLE MURAT, and a lady of fine culture, died in Jefferson, Fla., aged 60.

6. DOCHARD, Brevet Brig.-Gen. EDWIN F., U. S. Volunteers, Secretary of Legation to Chili under Gen. KILPATRICK, died in Santiago from exhaustion, the result of 18 months' imprisonment in Richmond.

7.—ALDRIDGE, IRA, a colored actor of great merit both as a tragedian and comedian, died in Poland, where he was fulfilling an engagement.

10.—BUCKLEY, Gen. GEORGE W. F., the originator of the "Knights of the Golden Circle," died in Baltimore, Md.

13.—ARMSTRONG, Judge JAMES, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, died at Williamsport, Penn., aged 74 years.

13.—OWENS, Brevet Lieut.-Col. WESLEY, U. S. A., an active and distinguished officer during the late war, Assistant Professor of Spanish at West Point, died at Suisun City, Cal.

15.—BUTLER, PIERCE, the husband of FANNY KEMBLE, a lawyer of some ability and a large planter in Georgia, died in Philadelphia, aged 60 years.

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27.—JACKSON, JAMES, M. D., an eminent American physician and professor of the theory and practice of medicine, author of several important medical works, died in Boston, aged 90 years.

27.—WITTHEAD, Hon. IRA C., Judge of the Supreme Court of New-Jersey since 1841, died at Morristown, N. J., aged 69 years.

28.—DUNN, Rev. ROBINSON P., D. D., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Brown University, died at Newport, R. I.

28.—HAMLIN, JOHN C., Circuit United States Volunteers, son of Ex-Vice-President HAMLIN, died in New-Orleans of yellow fever.

29.—STEARNS, JOSIAH O., Superintendent New-Jersey Central Railroad, died at Elizabeth, N. J., aged 36 years.

30.—WAUGH, CHARLES R., Clerk of Essex County, N. J., and from 1858 to 1863 Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, died in Newark.

30.—YOUNG, Commander GEORGE W., U. S. N., twenty-six years in the naval service, and at the time of his death Commander of the *Lawrence*, died at sea.

30.—MCQUEEN, Hon. JOHN, member of Congress for several terms from the First Congressional District of South Carolina, and a prominent citizen of that State, died at Society Hill, near Charlestion, aged 63 years.

SEPTEMBER.

3.—MCDOUGALL, Hon. JAMES A., United States Senator from California, 1861–67, and previously Attorney-General of Illinois, 1842–56, and of California, 1853–55, died in Albany, aged 60.

4.—WHITING, Hon. GEORGE C., Chief Clerk of the Department of the Interior, and previously Commissioner of Pensions, died in Washington, D. C., aged 50 years.

5.—COMINAGER, Brevet-Gen. HENRY S., United States Volunteers, formerly Democratic candidate for the District of Toledo, Ohio, died in Galveston, Texas.

8.—HELM, Gov. JOHN M., of Kentucky, died at Elizabethtown, Ky.

8.—WATTS, ROBERT, M. D., Professor of Anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New-York, and for thirty years an eminent practitioner in that City, died in Paris.

9.—TAYLOR, Rev. THOMAS HOUSE, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, New-York, for thirty-three years, died at his residence on the Hudson, aged 68 years.

10.—GREEN, Chief-Engineer ALEXANDER, U. S. N., on the *Tuscarora*, died suddenly at Yokohama.

14.—FURY, Col. ERNEST DE, Baron DE LISLE, a wealthy Frenchman of high rank, who had spent some years in traveling over North and South America, commanded one of the Imperial regiments in the army of MAXIMILIAN; and upon the surrender was sentenced to be shot, but escaped and died in New-York, aged 40 years.

15.—WEBB, Brevet Major-Gen. CHAS., U. S. A., commanding the sub-District of Texas, died of yellow fever at Galveston.

16.—COLLINS, JOSEPH B., a prominent citizen of New-York, connected with the life insurance interest more than a quarter of a century, and also with most of the philanthropic societies of the City, died in New-York, aged 74 years.

21.—COLBY, STODDARD B., late Registrar of the United States Treasury at Washington, died at Haverhill, N. H., aged 50 years.

22.—CLARKE, COLSON W., a comic actor of considerable ability, attached to several New-York theatres, died in that City, aged 51 years.

22.—HOLBROOK, RICHMOND C., late editor of the *Day Book*, and author of several works on Slavery, died at Dobbs' Ferry, New-York, aged 40 years.

24.—JAMES, Col. JOHN H., late Quartermaster, U. S. A., and afterwards Quartermaster-General of Tennessee, died at the Lookout Mountain House, near Chattanooga, Tenn.

24.—BARTLETT, WILLIAM H., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New-Hampshire, died at Concord, aged 49 years.

25.—ARNOD, Miss MARY, a native of Charleston, S. C., died in Brooklyn, L. I., aged 110 years.

27.—HAWKS, FRANCIS L., D. D., formerly President of Columbia College, and for many years connected with the *New-York American* and the *Courier & Enquirer* newspapers, died at Frascati, near Rome, Italy, aged 78 years.

27.—PRICE, STERLING, a Rebel General, Member of Congress from Third District, Missouri, in 1845–7, Brig.-Gen. U. S. V. in the Mexican war, Governor of Missouri in 1853–7, died in St. Louis.

30.—KREBS, Rev. JOHN M., D. D., a distinguished Presbyterian clergyman and author, Pastor of the Old Rutgers-street Church, New-York City, died there, aged 63 years.

30.—DAWSON, JOSEPH M., a noted comedian, died at Louisville, Ky.

OCTOBER.

3.—NOELL, Hon. THOMAS E., Member of Congress from Third District of Missouri, and Captain of the Nineteenth Regiment U. S. A. Infantry, died in St. Louis, aged 28.

3.—HOWE, ELIAS, Jr., inventor of the sewing-machine, died in Brooklyn, aged 48 years.

3.—BROOKE, Mrs. AVONIA JONES, a popular actress, died in New-York, aged 29 years.

5.—RIDGE, JOHN R., a California politician, poet and journalist, son of JOHN RIDGE, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, died at Grass Valley, Cal.

6.—LORILLARD, PETER, a well-known tobacconist of New-York for fifty years, died at Saratoga, N. Y., aged 72 years.

8.—LORING, CHARLES GREELEY, an eminent lawyer and orator of Massachusetts, and State Senator, died near Boston, aged 74 years.

8.—HERRING, JAMES, a portrait painter of great merit, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the United States, died in Paris, aged 74 years.

11.—SEYMOUR, Hon. DAVID L., M. C. from New-York, 1843–45 and 1851–53, Master in Chancery, died in Lanesborough, Mass., aged 65 years.

13.—IVES, LEVI SILLIMAN, D. D., LL. D., a prominent Roman Catholic lecturer and professor. From 1831 to 1852, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, died at Mathanatville, N. Y., aged 71 years.

19.—HOYT, EBEN, Chief Engineer United States Navy, was killed by the explosion of the *Alleghanie*, at Annapolis, Md.

21.—KENDALL, GEORGE WILKINS, editor of the New-Orleans *Picayune*, an author of wide celebrity, died in Texas, aged 60 years.

23.—LYND, Hon. JOSEPH A. President of the Massachusetts Senate, died in Boston.

30.—ANDREW, JOHN ALBION, Governor of Massachusetts 1861–64, one of the ablest and most patriotic statesmen of the present time, died in Boston, aged 50 years.

NOVEMBER.

4.—JEWELL, WILSON, M. D., an eminent physician, author and philanthropist, of Philadelphia, died in that city, aged 67 years.

5.—BRADFORD, ALEXANDER WARFIELD, LL. D., an eminent jurist of New-York, long Surrogate of the County of New-York, author of ten volumes of legal reports and a work on American Antiquities, died in New-York, aged 52 years.

6.—HOOKER, WORTHINGTON, M. D., Professor Theory and Practice of Medicine Yale Medical School, and author of various scientific works, died in New-Haven, Conn., aged 61 years.

6.—SWACKHAMER, Hon. CONRAD, a prominent German Democratic politician, Navy Agent 1852–56, a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1846, and of the State Legislature, died in New-York City, aged 63 years.

6.—BAIRD, Hon. JOHN S., a distinguished jurist of Tennessee, died near Nashville, Tenn.

11.—PACKARD, FREDERICK A., one of the Secretaries of the American S. S. Union and editor of its publications for many years, a native of Massachusetts, and a lawyer by profession, died in Philadelphia.

13.—BULLOCK, Hon. NATHANIEL, the last Lieutenant-Governor of Rhode Island under the charter, the oldest graduate of Brown University, and the oldest member of the Rhode Island bar, died at Providence, aged 89 years.

15.—SARTWELL, Dr. HENRY P., an eminent physicist, died at Penn Yann, N. Y.

17.—HILLS, Col. ALFRED CLARK, a member of Gen. BANKS' Staff during the war, and both previously and subsequently connected with the daily press, being employed as editor on the New-York *Evening Post*, New-Orleans *Delta* and Chicago *Tribune*, died in Chicago, aged 36 years.

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19.—HALLECK FITZGREENE, American poet and author, more widely known by the excellence, than the number of his poems, died in Guilford, Conn., aged 77 years.

23.—LYLE, DAVID M., Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia Fire Department, died, probably of apoplexy, in that city.

25.—CROSS, Hon. JOHN A., State Senator, for two terms member of New-York Assembly, President of the Broadway (Brooklyn) Railroad and of the Dime Savings Bank, died in Brooklyn, aged 64 years.

25.—BRONSON, SILAS, a wealthy and benevolent citizen of Waterbury, Conn., who, beside other charitable bequests, left $200,000 to found a public library in Waterbury, died in New-York City.

26.—KERNEY, JOSEPH, D. D., LL.D., a Congregationalist clergyman, for four years President of the University of Vermont, and for 40 years a professor in that University, died in Burlington, Vt., aged 71 years.

27.—ENGLES, WILLIAM M., D. D., a Presbyterian clergyman, editor of the publications of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and for 30 years of the *Presbyterian*, died in Philadelphia, aged 70 years.

28.—WALWORTH, REUBEN HYDE, LL.D., an eminent jurist of New-York. M. C. 1821–1823, Circuit Judge, 1823–1828, Chancellor of the State of New-York, 1828–1848, and since that time constantly employed in important cases of reference, author of valuable Law Reports, President or Vice-President of most of the great benevolent organizations, died at Saratoga Springs, aged 79 years.

28.—SLOAT, Rear-Admiral JOHN DRAKE, U. S. N., a naval officer, sixty-seven years in the service, died at New-Brighton, Staten Island, aged 87 years.

DECEMBER.

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"dollars" can make no difference in the face of the manifest intent of the contracted parties. The word was obviously employed merely for the purpose of signifying the quantity and quality of the article lent and to be returned. At the time of the transaction it was notorious that the word dollar in paper was a very different thing from what it was in gold; and we all know by sad daily experience that the difference soon greatly increased; and that it is great even now. Thus the defendants promised to do something different from paying an ordinary debt; they promised to return to the plaintiffs gold of the same quantity and quality as that which they received from them; and the character of the promise is in no respect altered by their employment of the word "dollars" to designate the quantity and quality, instead of stating the specified weight, and specified proportions of alloy, or specified coins or grains, as they probably would have done if the gold borrowed was in the form of bullion instead of coin. The plaintiffs, therefore, are entitled to damages for breach of this contract, unless they have expressly or implicitly released the defendants from its obligation. 2. Have the plaintiffs done this? The Judge finds, as a matter of fact, that on the 9th of December, 1863, the defendants directed the plaintiffs to write up the bank book, with a view to close their account, having previously found that on the 1st of September, a few months after the loan of the gold to the defendants, they delivered to the plaintiffs their check for $10,000, that plaintiffs received the money for said check in Legal-tender notes; that this check was credited to the defendants in the general account which they kept with the bank, and on closing this account a balance of about $700 was found to be due to defendants, which the plaintiffs paid. No finds, also, that the accounts so settled were made up exclusively of the defendants deposits on the one side, and the drafts against these deposits on the other, and did not include any charge of gold or premium as sold to the defendants. The check of $10,000 was received as a deposit, like any other deposit, and, as we have seen, was credited like any other, to the defendants. He also finds that after payment of the balance due to the defendants on the bank account, the cashier demanded the return of gold, and the defendants promised to return it, and that the plaintiffs did not intend by receiving the check for $10,000 to satisfy or discharge the defendant's obligation under the contract by which the gold was borrowed. Consequently there was no release, and if I am right in concluding that the defendants are bound by the contract to return $10,000 in gold, the judgment should be reversed, and a new trial ordered, costs to abide event.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 30.

Before Judge Jones.

THE SOHLKE INJUNCTION.

John De Pol et al. vs. Augusta Sohlke et al.—The motion to dissolve the injunction obtained by plaintiffs against defendants restraining Mlle. Sohlke from dancing for any other parties but plaintiffs, came on for a hearing on new affidavits this morning. In her affidavits in support of the motion Mlle. Sohlke swears that she was deceived by plaintiffs as to the nature and effect of the contract entered into with them in Paris; that plaintiffs have failed to fulfill their part of the contract, having paid her less than 1,600 francs in gold per month according to agreement; that during the time she remained with plaintiffs she received $4 per week in currency, which, she was told by plaintiffs, was equal to $5 in gold; that plaintiffs have treated her in an ungentlemanly manner. She having been requested to dance the Hungarian Polka in conjunction with another person, and when she refused De Pol having shaken his fist in her face, swore at her, and told her that she should dance just how, when, and where he pleased.

In reply to these affidavits, plaintiffs submitted affidavits denying that there was any deception practiced upon defendant, Sohlke, in the contract, and alleging that it was a fair contract, drawn up in a language which she well understood; that at the time of making the contract Mlle. Sohlke had been out of employment for three months in Paris; that since her arrival here they have paid her strictly according to the terms of the contract, and they deny ever having treated her in an ungentlemanly manner.

The motion to dissolve was argued at considerable length by A. Oakey Hall for Mlle. Sohlke, and by H. H. Morange for De Pol. Mr. Hall said that, whatever might be the decision of the Court, Mlle. Sohlke would never, under any circumstances, dance for the plaintiffs again, and he argued that it would be a great hardship to the Court to restrain her—a girl in a strange land—from earning her living by following her vocation in the employment of other parties. He claimed that the contract should be set aside, in the first place for fraud and deception. He said that the plaintiffs had misrepresented to Mlle. Sohlke their character, and standing, and engagements as theatrical managers, and also the kind of theatres in which she was to perform, and that under their management she was losing the reputation she had acquired as an artist, instead of increasing it, which was of as much value to her as the money consideration of the contract. He claimed that contracts for intellectual labor should be placed on a different footing as regards what should constitute valid grounds for a breach of the contracts, from contracts for mechanical labor. Mr. Dolby had engaged Charles Dickens to read a certain number of nights in this country for his benefit, and instead of taking him to the principal cities and before refined audiences, should compel him to read in out-of-the-way places, in obscure halls, and before ignorant audiences, such conduct would be good ground for a breach of the contract on the part of Mr. Dickens; because, while money doubtless formed one motive for entering into the contract, yet to a man like Mr. Dickens reputation was of equal or greater importance, and anything done by one contracting party which would tend to injure or demoralize the reputation of the other, would be good ground for the party so injured to break the contract. While, therefore, he claimed that De Pol's treatment of Mlle. Sohlke had been such as to justify a breach of the contract on her part, yet if this view should not be sustained by the Court, still the case was such as to warrant the Court in dissolving the injunction, and leaving the plaintiffs to seek their remedy, if they should be found entitled to any, in an action for damages.

Judge Jones here remarked that if this contract had been for mechanical labor, or for any useful employment, an injunction restraining the defendant from enjoining his or her avocation elsewhere would not be granted in a case of this kind, because the whole community had an interest in such employment and work. A maker of plowshares, for instance, who should break a contract for work would not be restrained by the Courts from following his trade for other parties, because it is for the interest of the entire community that plowshares should be made. But in a question whether the avocation of a dancer could be restrained, public policy was so as would require the Courts to refuse a restrictive injunction like that asked for in this case.

Mr. Hall said he did not claim that it would; the granting of a restrictive injunction was a matter within the discretion of the Court; he only claimed that in view of all the circumstances of this case, in consideration of the treatment Mlle. Sohlke had received from her employer, and of the fact that she was a lady, unprotected and in a strange land, it would not be a merciful exercise of the discretion of the Court to enjoin her from making an engagement with other parties whereby she might earn a livelihood; for, as before remarked, she had sworn in the most positive manner, and with all due respect to the Court, that she would never dance for De Pol again, under any circumstances.

Mr. Morange, in reply, ridiculed the elevation of Mlle. Sohlke to such a high pedestal in the niche of fame; he said when his client made the engagement with her she had been out of employment three months in Paris; that De Pol was about to make an engagement with another artiste, whom he much preferred, but at the earnest solicitation of Mlle. Sohlke's agent he was induced to accept her; that he had fulfilled all his engagements with her in an honorable manner; and had always treated her kindly; that she had been seduced away from his employment by Jarrett and Palmer, who conducted a rival place of amusement, and if she was enjoined from dancing elsewhere, she would return to her first engagement; that his clients had made arrangements for a tour through all the principal cities of the United States, and would perform in the best theatres and before the best audiences; that they intended to go to Washington, where Mlle. Sohlke would have an opportunity to dance before His Excellency, President Johnson, and all the other dignitaries, and that if she were allowed to make engagements elsewhere, it might have the effect to break up the entire enterprise of plaintiffs, and entail upon them great loss. As to the law of the case, he was willing to put it squarely on the supposed admitted by his opponent, and he maintained as matter of law that if Mr. Charles Dickens had entered into an engagement with Mr. Dolby like that entered into by Mlle. Sohlke with his clients, he would be compelled to fulfill it. But he denied that his clients had required her to perform in any but first-class places, or that they had ever in any way compromised her reputation as an artiste. With reference to the Hungarian Polka alluded to in Mlle. Sohlke's affidavit, it was a polka arranged and composed by plaintiffs in this action, and was their property, as were also the two elegant costumes which Mlle. Sohlke had carried away with her when she became captivated with the charms of Mr. Palmer and left his clients' employment.

At the close of the argument the Court took the affidavits and intimated that a decision would be rendered on Tuesday.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—DEC. 30.

By Presiding Judge Leonard and Judges Clerke and Sutherland.

Cases heard at the General Term in November, 1867, before LEONARD, P. J., with Judges CLERKE and SUTHERLAND: Amherst B. Rowe, appellant, vs. The Howe Sewing-machine Company, respondents; order appealed from, affirmed with $10 costs. Opinion by Judge SUTHERLAND. Thomas Hope, respondent, vs. Charles E. Laurence and David L. St. John, appellants; judgment reversed and new trial ordered with costs to abide the event; opinion by LEONARD, P. J.; dissenting opinion by SUTHERLAND, J. Melinda Jones, respondent, vs. The Norwich and New-York Transportation Company, appellants; judgment reversed and new trial ordered, with costs to abide the event; opinion by SUTHERLAND, J. Maurice Lanergan, plaintiff in error, vs. The People, &c., defendants in error; judgment affirmed and the General Sessions directed to proceed, &c.; opinion by LEONARD, P. J. Samuel F. Appleton, appellant, ss. Amelia Appleton, respondent; order appealed from, reversed and motion denied with $10 costs; opinion by SUTHERLAND, J.; dissenting opinion by CLERKE, J. The People ex rel. Josiah W. Brown, respondent, vs. Richard B. Connolly, Comptroller, &c., appellant; order reversed without costs; opinion by Judge CLERKE. Wesley Merritt, appellant, vs. Richard Hackeshor, Jr., and Frederick A. Mason, respondents; order appealed from reversed, and the order of arrest reinstated with $10 costs to the appellant; opinion by Judge CLERKE, Judge SUTHERLAND dissenting. In the matter of the Settlement of Freeman B. Bird and Freeman B. Bird, Jr., appellants, vs. The Steamboat Josephine, her tackle &c., respondents; order reversed with costs. Opinion by Judge SUTHERLAND. Arthur King vs. Charles N. Talbot, executor, &c. et al.; judgment affirmed without costs. Anna H. King vs. Charles N. Talbot, executor, &c., et al.; judgment affirmed without costs. Charlotte E. King, executrix, &c., of William N. King, deceased, vs. Charles N. Talbot and Executors, &c., and David Oliphant, Administrator, &c.; judgment affirmed without costs. Opinion by Judge SUTHERLAND.

Heard before LEONARD, P. J., with Judges SUTHERLAND and PECKHAM at the General Term in November, 1867: John M. Otter, respondent, vs. The Brevoort Petroleum Company, appellants; judgment reversed and new trial ordered with costs to abide the event. Opinion by LEONARD, P. J. Heard before the same Judges on the 16th of December, an adjourned day of the same term: The People, appellants, vs. James M. Raymond, respondents; judgment appealed from reversed and judgment ordered for the appellants, that the defendant be ousted, &c., with costs. Opinion by LEONARD, P. J.

Heard before Judges CLERKE and SUTHERLAND by consent, at the same General Term: In the matter of the Russel File Company: order appealed from modified according to the opinion of Judge SUTHERLAND. Order to be settled before him.

Heard at General Term in June, 1867, before LEONARD, P. J., with Judges CLERKE and WELLES: The Bank of the Commonwealth, appellants, vs. Jasper T. Van Vleck and Hiram A. Tucker, respondents; judgment reversed and a new trial ordered; costs to abide the event; opinion by LEONARD, P. J. Arthur T. Heard, respondent, vs. Plants Manufacturing Company, appellant; judgment affirmed with costs; opinion by LEONARD, P. J.

Heard at the General Term, in April, 1867, before LEONARD, P. J., with Judges SUTHERLAND and INGRAHAM: Richard D. McDonald, respondent, vs. Daniel A. Baldwin, appellant; order reversed and injunction dissolved, with $10 costs to the appellant. Opinion by LEONARD P. J.

After the announcement of the decisions Presiding Judge LEONARD said that these were all which had been argued during the year past in the General Term. It would be proper to remark here, that to-day (Tuesday) closes the official labors of the Presiding Judge. He goes out of office with a record cleared of all the causes—many of them of great importance—which have been brought before him.

THE CHURCH-STREET EXTENSION.

Counsel to the Corporation moved that the amended report of the Commissioners in the matter of the Church-street extension be confirmed. He said that since the decision of the General Term, two weeks ago, all the parties interested had been notified, that additional testimony had been taken, and that there did not seem to be any further opposition. The report was accordingly confirmed.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 30.

By Judge Clerke.

Tremper *vs.* Canavan; demurrer overruled, with liberty to answer in ten days on payment of costs. Kuberly *vs.* Griffith; a like judgment; see opinion. Schenck *vs.* Pike; a like judgment; see opinion. Katzenhorn *vs.* Tuska; motion for judgment granted, and motion for new trial denied, with $10 costs in each motion. Woolsey *vs.* Kanenbly; judgment for plaintiff, without costs. Work *vs.* Ellis et al.; judgment for plaintiff, in conformity with the prayer of the complaint, with costs; see opinion. Packer *vs.* Ward; a like judgment; see opinion.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 30.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Caswell *vs.* Davis; motion to dissolve injunction denied. Christy *vs.* Libby; judgment for plaintiff on demurrer; see opinion.

SUPERIOR COURT—MIDDLETOWN, CONN.—DEC. 27.

Before Judge Carpenter.

IMPORTANT QUARRY CASE—A NEW-YORK SPECULATOR IN COURT.

Charles G. Patterson vs. Elisha Bloomer.—An important case in relation to the North Middlesex Brown-stone Quarry at Middletown, Conn., which was on trial before Judge CARPENTER, of the Superior Court at that place, from the 11th to the 18th December, has just been decided. The suit was brought by Charles G. Patterson against Elisha Bloomer, the owner of the quarry, for the specific performance of a contract by which he had agreed to sell it for $55,000, $5,000 cash, the balance to be secured by a chattel mortgage. The defence was that the plaintiff had represented himself to be rich and of good character and credit, while really he had been in State Prison and was a gambler, a bankrupt, and so to be believed under oath, and also that the contract was executed under a mistake of fact in regard to the laws of Connecticut in regard to chattel mortgages. To substantiate this defence the testimony of a number of prominent business men in New-York was read in regard to the plaintiff's antecedents and character, together with other witnesses to show the representations he had made; the defence also produced certified copies of his proceedings in bankruptcy and of his sentence for two years to Moyamensing Prison, and proved on his own cross-examination that he had lost $85,000 in gambling in Sept. 1866. The plaintiff, in rebuttal, denied making the representations asserted, and introduced witnesses to show that his character was good, and claimed that the defendant had only backed out of the contract because the quarry was worth more than $55,000.

On Dec. 22 Judge CARPENTER rendered his decision, holding, first, that when the contract was made both parties supposed that a chattel-mortgage, when it is executed, immediately invested the vendor with a security equivalent to a mortgage of the premises, and that the validity in Connecticut as it would have in New-York, which was an important mistake of fact. Second, that Patterson had been in the habit of getting up mining companies and inducing responsible parties to take the stock, and then escaping himself from the transaction with large profits, leaving them to bear the loss of the subsequent failure of the companies, and that the evidence showed that he intended to use this quarry as a basis of a similar operation—a scheme which the Court would not help. Third—That to induce Bloomer to enter into the contract, Patterson had represented that he was a man of large means, high character and good credit and standing in business circles, which representations were false and fraudulent, and that Bloomer was deeply imposed on, a gambler, while his character and credit were both bad; that these false and fraudulent representations were (in part, at least) relied upon by Bloomer, who believed them to be true, and that a Court of Equity could not, therefore, deem it a specific performance. The Court accordingly dismissed the bill, with costs.

Mr. Charles Ingersoll, of New-Haven, with Moses Cullen, of Middletown, and Mr. Stanford, of New-York, appeared for Patterson, while Mr. H. B. Harrison, of New-Haven, with S. L. Warner, of Middletown, (with whom George W. Wingate, of New-York, was associated,) appeared for the defence.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 30, 1867.

$20,000	U. S. 6s '81, C.	113½	100	Quick. Min. Co.	21½
5,000	U. S. 6s cou. C.	113½	100	Atlantic Mail.	11½
	'62	113½		do	11½
2,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s C.		200	Cum. Coal Pr.	37
	'64	105⅝	10	do	37
15,000	do	105⅝	100	do 3d call	37
1,000	do	105⅝	100	Boston W. P.	12½
	'65		10	do	12½
26,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s O.	105⅞	100	Adams Ex.	b30
	'65		10	do	78
10,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s, R.		50	Wells Fargo Ex.	40
	'65, new	104½	40	Mer. U. Ex.	78
7,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s C. '65		75	do	78
	New Is.	108½	100	do	78
2,500	U. S. 6s 5-20s C. '67		140	N. Y. Cen.	117
	New Issue	108⅛	100	do	117
9,000	do	108⅛	500	Erie R.	73½
15,000	U. S. 6s 10-40s, R.	103⅜	500	do	s30
15,000	do	103⅜	100	do	73½
1,000	U. S. 6s 10-40. C.	104	1100	Reading R.	96⅛
50,000	do	104⅛	1000	do	s30
50,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s,		100	M. S. & N. R.	s30
	2d series	104⅜	200	do	73½
19,000	Tenn. 6s, new	63⅝	100	do	73½
50,000	do	63⅝	100	Illinois Cen.	132
50,000	do	63⅝	100	do	132½
50,000	do	s30	500	Clev. & Pitts. R.	87
50,000	N. Car. 6s, 5-0	61	200	do	s30
5,000	N.C. 1st. 6s, new.	61	25	Cin., Col. & Cin. R.	80
50,000	N. Car. 6s, 5-0	59½	100	Chic. & N. W. R.	84½
100	do	59½	50	P., Ft. W. & C. ex-d	97½
100	do	59½	100	do	97½
5	Pacific Mail	110	100	do	s30
300	do	110	100	do	97½
200	do	s30	100	Mil. & St. Paul	84
100	do	110	100	do	84
400	do	3d call	110	Mil. & St. P. Pf.	93
100	do	110	100	do	93
100	do	s30	100	do	s30
200	do	110	100	do	93
300	do	s30	100	do	93
400	do	110	100	do	93
400	do	3d call	110	Ohio & Miss R.	27½
100	do	110	100	do	27½
100	do	s30	100	H. & St. J. Pf.	81

SECOND BOARD.

$35,000	U. S. 6s '81, C.	113½	80	Mer. U. Ex. Co.	78½
24,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s, C.		100	do	78½
	'67, New Issue.	108⅝	100	N. Y. Cent.	117
1,000	do Small	108⅝	100	do	117
110,000	U. S. 6s 5-20s O.		100	do	117
	'65	s30	100	do	117
130,000	do	s30	100	Erie Railroad.	72
50,000	do	s30	100	do	b30
21,000	U. S. 5-20s, C.		500	do	72
	'64	105⅝	300	do	72
100,000	U. S. 5-20s, C.		100	do	72
	'65	105⅝	500	Reading R.	96
3,500	U. S. 5-20s, C.		300	Mich. S. & N. I. R.	84
	'65, new issue.	104⅛	300	do	84
1,000	Tenn. 6s, o. new.	63½	100	N. J. Cen.	115
1,000	do	63½	100	do	115
31,000	Tenn. 6s, new.	63½	200	do	s30
10,000	do	63½	200	do	b30
10,000	Missouri 6s, 6s.	90½	200	do	70
5,000	West. Union Tel.	38½	100	Clev. & Pitts.	87
50	do	38½	50	Chic. & R. I. R.	93
100	Pacific Mail.	110	300	do	93
50	do	110	500	do	s30
100	Canton Co.	39	200	do	93
100	Cum. Coal Pr.	37	100	do	93
100	Atlantic Mail.	11½	400	Mil. & St. P. R.	87
100	do	11½	100	do	s30
1.0 Bos.	Wor. & Erie R.	19½	100	M. & St. P. Pf.	93
100	do	19½	100	do	93
200	Clev. & Pitts. R.	87	100	Tol. & W.	67
200	Chic. & N. W. R.	84½	100	Tol. & W. & Ohio.	97
100	Adams Ex. Co.	77½	100	Ohio & M. R.	27½
100	do	77½	100	do	27½
100	do	s30	100	do	27½
100	Wells, Fargo Ex.	78	100	do	b30

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

400	Canton Co.	40¾	200	Reading R.	96⅛
200	do	40¾	100	P. F. W. & C. ex-d	97½
100	do	40¾	100	Ohio & Miss R.	28¼
200	do	40¾	100	Cleve. & Pitts.	87½
300	Wells Fargo Ex.	48¾	200	do	87½
150	Pac. Mail	110¾	400	do	87½
200	do	110⅝	400	Clev. & Tol.	98¾
200	Quicksilver	21	50	Chic. & R. I. & P.	93½
2.0	do	20	21	do	93½
400	West U. Tel.	37½	200	do	93½
50	do	37½	100	do	93½
200	do	37½	400	Chi. & N. W. R.	84½
200	do	37½	600	do	84½
1200	Erie R.	72½	200	do	84½
200	do	72½	100	do	84½
1000	do	72½	300	Mil. & Ist. P.	84½
	OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.		400	N. Y. Cen. R.	117½
200	Canton Co.	40¾	100	Hud. R. R.	131⅜
100	do	40¾	100	Reading R.	96⅝
100	Adams Express.	78	300	Ohio & Miss. R.	28¼
200	do	78	100	do	28¼
200	do	78	100	do	28¼
800	Pacific Mail.	110	200	do	28¼
900	do	110⅜	200	do	28¼
200	do	b10	100	do	s10
200	do	110⅛	100	do	28¼
800	do	110⅛	300	Mil. & Ist. P.	87⅜
200	do	110⅛	600	Mich. S. & N. I.	84⅝
200	do	110⅛	100	do	84⅝
1100	do	110⅜	800	do	84⅝
200	At. Mail.	11¾	400	do	84⅝
900	W. U. Tel.	38⅜	400	Clev. & Pitts. R.	87
200	do	38⅜	100	do	87
300	do	b10	2630	do	86⅝
800	do	38⅝	800	do	86⅝
300	do	38⅝	200	do	86⅝
1500	do	38⅝	200	do	86⅝
200	do	s10	300	do	86⅝
400	do	37	650	Clev. & Tol.	98½
400	Erie R.	72½	100	Chic. & N. W. Pf.	95
200	do	72½	100	do	95
	OPEN BOARD—3 P. M.		100	Mil. & St. P.	84⅝
100	Wells Fargo Ex.	48	1100	M. S. & N. I. R.	84⅝
500	do	45	100	do	84⅝
500	Mer. U. Ex.	78	200	do	84⅝
75	do	38¾	200	Clev. & Pitts.	86⅝
800	do	38¾	500	Chic. & R. I. & P.	93½
500	do	b30	300	do	93½
200	Cum. Coal	38	300	do	93½
100	Mariposa Pf.	15¾	300	do	93½
200	Pacific Mail.	110	3800	do	93½
1200	do	110¾	400	do	93½
2.0	do	b3 1.0	200	do	s10
100	do	110¾	1100	do	93½
100	do	s5 110¾	300	do	b3
150	West. U. Tel.	b3 38⅜	1000	do	s30
1100	N. Y. Cen. R.	116⅝	400	do	b3
1100	Erie R.	72½	400	Chic. & N. W. Pf.	94½
100	Hud. Riv. R.	131¾	400	do	b3
200	Reading R.	96	100	do	b3
100	Mil. & St. P. Pf.	83½	600	do	94¾
300	do	83½	100	do	b3

MONDAY, Dec. 30—P. M.

The early sales of Gold to-day were at ⅛@¼ ₱ cent. advance on the closing transactions of Saturday. The market had a firm look until about noon, when the sales from 134 ₱ cent. returned to 133⅝ ₱ cent. The Cash Gold was not very easy for the settlements of the day, which gave additional stiffness to the sales for Cash. On the other hand, the Foreign Exchanges were not so firm as on Friday and Saturday, and one of the standard houses offered to draw at 110¼ ₱ cent., 60 days, on London. Of course the demand for Cash Gold is not likely to continue after the New Year, as a large amount of Interest Checks will be given out from the Treasury Office to-morrow, after Bank hours, the receipts for registered Interest having been already signed, and a large number of Coupon schedules compared and verified.

The transactions in Money among the bankers and brokers to-day were not large, and the market is quiet at 6 per cent., as the general rule, on demand loans. The opinion gains strength that there will be little or no extra preparation for the Quarterly Bank return, due at Washington on Monday next. If this event is felt at all at bank, it must be by Friday afternoon of the present week; before which time private money-lenders will receive a large amount from the Treasury and other quarters for their January dividends. The singular theory is indulged by some of the bearish speculators in stocks, that the disbursement of $25,000,000 or $30,000,000 from the Treasury will make Money temporarily scarce, as Gold is not Currency; but this is wholly fallacious. The Street receives this Money as the earned wealth of the Bondholders of the United States since last July. It has been locked up in the Treasury for six months, from all trade and banking employment, as effectually as though the Gold were still in the mines of California. Its release on New-Year's Day, if sold for Currency by the Government, might create a demand for the latter, and thus tighten the market. But as it is, it is so much gained to the Money profits of the Banks, Savings Institutions, and other holders of United States Stocks, to be lent out or reinvested as soon as received from the Treasury.

The Public Funds were again firm in prices, and active in dealings. The 5-20s of 1862, notwithstanding the recent importations from Europe, continue in limited supply for Cash, at 108¼@108⅜ ₱ cent., although fresh sales of Bonds as to arrive were made to-day on 20@30 day options at 107¼@107⅜ ₱ cent. The Border State Bonds were in demand for Tennessees, new, at 63¼@63⅝, and old at 85½@86 ₱ cent., an advance on each of 1¼@2 ₱ cent. from the lowest sales of last week. The Missouris were slightly off from the best price of Saturday. The North Carolinas and Virginias attract some attention, the latter being in limited supply in this market.

The Railway market was seriously disturbed to-day by a further decline of 5@6 ₱ cent. in Chicago and Rock Island stock, the cause of which appears to have originated a week or two since in some heavy private sales of new stock *for account of the Company*, under direction of Mr. JOHN H. TRACY, the President, and Mr. DAVID DOWS, one of the Directors, who were authorized several months ago, by a vote of the Board of Direction, to take charge of the ways and means of the Company for the extension of the Road from Des Moines to Omaha, whenever that extension should be determined upon. The means provided for this object were a reservrtion in the general mortgage of $4,500,000 7 ₱ cent. Bonds, or, in the discretion of the management, an issue of new Stock. It was not known to the other directors until to-day, that Messrs. TRACY and DOWS had availed of the recent free demand for the Stock at nearly its par value; nor will the extent of their sales be known until to-morrow, when they will make their report at a meeting of the Board of Directors. It is understood, however, that the increase of Stock will not affect the ability of the present business on the finished line from Chicago to Des Moines, to pay 10 ₱ cent. a year, (5 ₱ cent. being due 1st April next,) on the entire capital. The *short* sales of the Stock Exchange speculators of this Stock, since the rumors of a new issue, are probably much larger than the actual transactions for account of the Company. There was the greater eagerness to press sales late this Afternoon from 95¼ down to 91 ₱ cent., when there was no concealment of the nature of the transaction. This movement affected the general Railway list, which had previously shown a fair degree of steadiness at the Morning and Afternoon Boards. The Miscellaneous Shares were also in sympathy with the fall in Rock Island, and at 5:30 P. M. the following quotations were made, as compared with Saturday night, the market closing feverish:

	Sat.	Mon.		Sat.	Mon.
U. S. 10-40s	101⅞	101⅝	Missouris	90⅝	90
U. S. 5-20s, 1862	108¼	108⅜	Northwest	39	37⅝
U. S. Cou. 5-20s	108⅜	108⅛	N. West Pref.	70½	68
N. Y. Centrals	117¼	116⅞	Rock Island	93¼	87½
Erie	73	71⅞	Fort Wayne	99	95⅜
Hudson	131	131	W. U. Telegraph	38	38⅜
Reading	96⅝	96⅞	Pac. Mail	111	111
Mich. Southern	84	84	St. Paul Com.	47½	44¾
Ohio and Miss.	28	27½	Pacific Mail	110	110
Pittsburgh	87	86	American Gold	133⅛	133⅝
Cleve. & Pitts.	87	86⅝	Bills on London	110⅜	110⅜

*Ex-div.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ₱ cent., reg., 1881	108⅛	5-20 coup., 1867	108⅜
500 & 1,000, 1881	108⅛	7-10 Registered, 1871	103
5-20 reg., 1865	105⅝	7 ₱ cent. coup., 1871	110
5-20 coup., small	107⅜	7 ₱ cent. coup., 1874	110
5-20 500 & 1,000, 1862	108⅜	10-40 reg	101⅝
5-20 500 & 1,000, 1864	108⅜	10-40 coup., small, 1874	104
5-20 500 & 1,000, 1865	108⅝	10-40 500 & 1,000, 1874	101⅞
5-20 reg., 1865	104⅞	7-10 3d series	104⅜
5-20 coup., 1865, n. is.	108⅜	7-10 3d series	104⅜

And the following for the State Stocks.

N. Y. 7 ₱ c., 1870	106⅛	Illinois coupon 6s, 1877	101⅜
N. Y. Reg. 6's loan	105	Illinois 6s cou. 1879	101⅜
N. Y. 6's loan	105	Illinois War Loan	101⅜
N. Y. 6s, 6's loan, 1877	105	Tennessee 6's, old	63⅜
N. Y. 6s, 6's loan, 1878	105	Tennessee new bds.	63⅜
N. Y. 6s, 6's loan, 1879	105	Tennessee 6s, new bds.	57
N. Y. 6s, 6's loan, 1880	105	Virginia 6s ex coup.	61
N. Y. 6's loan, 1881	105	Virginia 6s, 5 coup.	59

N. Y. 5 ₱ c. B'loan, 1873	99½	Georgia 6s, new bonds	83⅝
N. Y. 5 ₱ c. B'y loan, 1871	91	North Carolina 6s	59
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. B'loan, 1874	97	North Carolina 6s, r. c.	51
Ohio 6 ₱ c., 1870	97	North Car. 6s, n. bds.	54
Illinois C. bonds 1880	101	Missouri 6s	90⅝
Illinois reg., 1880	101	Missouri R. & St. Jo. 6s	89
Ill. 6s cou., '79 aft. 1860	101¼	Missouri Pacific R. 6s	93½
Ill. 6s cou., '79 aft. 1862	101¼	California 7s	125
Illinois 6 c. '79 aft. 1865	101¼	Connecticut 6s	100
Illinois 6 c. '79 aft. 1870	101¼		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks. The Phenix Bank has declared a half-yearly dividend of 4 ₱ cent.

New-York	183	Bank of the Republic	110½
Mechanics'	116	Hanover	105
Union	114	Irving	102
City	109	Metropolitan	125½
Phenix	100	Shoe and Leather	107
Fulton	135	Commonwealth	107½
State of New-York	105	Park	138
Commerce	117	Central National	100
Ocean	103	Fourth National	100
American Exchange	113½		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	91	Han. & St. Joseph gr'nts.	95
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876	102	Tol. & W. 1st Mort.	90
N. Y. Cen. 7s, con. '76	117	Tol. & W. 1st M. ext'd.	90
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1865-'76	117	Tol. & W. Equip. bds.	77
Erie 7s, 1st ind., 1879	102	Tol. & W. Equip. 2ds	65
Erie 7s, 2d ind., 1883	97	Tol., W. & West'n S. F.	90
Erie 7s, 4th ind., 1880	91	Gt. Western, 1st M. '68	85
Erie 7s, 5th ind., 1885	82	Gt. Western 1st M. '93	94½
Hud. R. 7s, 2d M. S. F. '63	101½	Gt. Western 2d M. '93	70
Harlem 1st M., 1865-'72	101	Gal. & Chi. extended	100
Mich. Cen. 8's, 1869-'72	107½	Chi. & R. I. con. iss.	95½
Mich. Cen. 8s, 1st M. '72	111	Ft. Wayne 1st M.	91
Mich. Cen. 8s, 2d M. '69	96	Pitts., Ft. W. & Chi 1st M.	105½
Mich. Sou. 7's & 8s M.	93	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 2d M.	98½
Mich. Sou. 7's & 8s 2d M.	93	Clove. & Pitts. 1st M.	98
N. Ind. Goshen Line '69	96	Clove. & P. 2d M.	96
Mich. S. & N. I. R. 1st M.	95	Clove. & P. 4th M. com.	90
Mich. S. & N. I. R. 2d M.	90	Clove. & P. 4th M.	75
Pac. R. 7s, 2d M. '65	99	Ohio & Miss. 1st M.	90
Ill. Cen. 7's of 1870	118	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	88
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf.	82	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M.	79
Alton & T. H. 2d M. in.	76½	Marietta & Cin., 1st M.	85
Con. 7 ₱ cent. conv.	81	Marietta & Cin., 1st M.	83
Con. 7 ₱ cent. Exten. B.	80½	Ohio. & Mil. 1st M.	89
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The *Patrie*, in an editorial yesterday, denounces those who assert that the Conference to which the Emperor NAPOLEON has invited the other European Powers for the settlement of the Roman question has been abandoned. It seems that the Great Powers of Europe have determined to ask of the Emperor LOUIS NAPOLEON the basis of the Conference, through which France seeks to negotiate a treaty for the settlement of the troubles of Italy. It is stated that the inability of Gen. MENABREA, the Prime Minister of Italy, to reconstruct his ministry is now the principal cause of the delay in perfecting the arrangements for the meeting of the Conference.

Mr. P. J. F. LE PLAY, the French engineer, who was at the head of the Imperial Commission of the Universal Exhibition, has been made a Senator of France by an Imperial decree published yesterday.

Sunday night a gunshop in Cork was broken into by a party of eight Fenians, and rifled of its contents.

The steamship *Deutschland*, from Bremen Dec. 14 and Southampton Dec. 17, arrived at this port yesterday.

GENERAL.

The Masons of Philadelphia have purchased a lot at the corner of Broad and Filbert streets, on which they intend to erect a new Masonic hall. The contract for the building has already been awarded, and the contractor guarantees to lay the corner-stone next St. John's Day, and finish the edifice five years hence, at a cost of three-fourths of a million of dollars. The new hall will be of granite, and in the Norman style. The four sides of the building will be of granite, the only difference in the design being in the front on Broad-street, which, it is intended, will present one of the most magnificent features of that thoroughfare.

A Quebec dispatch of the 28th inst. says that the effort of the Board of Trade to make terms between the ship-builders and workmen has failed, the ship-builders refusing to employ any union men, and the men sticking to the union. It is thought that the shipyards will be closed altogether, and much distress is anticipated among the families of the workingmen.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway has reduced the wages of its laborers from $1 75 per day to $1 25. It has also reduced the number about one-half.

Gov. COX, of Ohio, has ordered a special election for member of Congress in the Eighth District of that State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. C. S. HAMILTON.

JOHN W. SIMPSON was crushed to death at Newark yesterday, between two street-cars, which were running in opposite directions.

The Montana Legislature adjourned *sine die* on the 25th inst.

Several important decisions were rendered yesterday by the Supreme Court, General Term, and among them one in the case of the Bank of Commonwealth *vs.* VAN VLECK & TUCKER. Judge CLERKE in this action decides in regard to the Legal-tender act that a loan of a certain number of dollars in gold must be paid in gold. This is an important question hitherto undecided. In the matter of the attachment of FREEMAN B. BIRD, &c., *vs.* The steamship *Josephine*, &c., the Court says the order must be reversed, with costs. In the case of MAURICE LANNEGAN, tried in the General Sessions, the judgment is affirmed. In the case of the People *ex rel.* BROWN *vs.* RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller, the order is reversed, but without costs.

Mr. B. FRANK WATSON, late a member of the Massachusetts Bar, was, on motion, yesterday admitted to practice as attorney and counselor in all the Courts of this State. He took the oath of office in the Supreme Court, General Term, and signed the roll of attorneys.

A large meeting of liquor-dealers and brewers was held at the Astor House yesterday for the purpose of conferring with members elect of the Legislature with reference to the Excise law. Mr. JOHN MCKEON, counsel for the liquor-dealers, introduced a bill to be submitted to the Legislature, which was referred to a joint committee. Another meeting will be held Thursday next.

The Board of Education held a special meeting last evening, President MCLEAN in the chair. The most important item of business presented was the annual report of the Finance Committee, by which it appeared that the receipts for the past year have been $3,020,832 26, and the expenditures, $2,763,969 96.

Mr. JOEL D. PARCE, the druggist, who was at first suspected of having something to do with the Brooklyn poisoning case, but was exonerated by the Coroner's jury, has received a letter, signed by many well-known merchants of this city, congratulating him upon the result, and assuring him of their unfaltering confidence in his innocence from the first.

The Board of Councilmen yesterday concurred in the Tavern and Excise License ordinance, by a vote of 14 to 9. Resolutions to pave various streets with Nicolson pavement were concurred in. The resolution calling on the City and State to protect naturalized citizens abroad was also concurred in.

In the Board of Aldermen, yesterday, a resolution was presented to pay WM. A. HERRING, a clerk in the Finance Department, $2,500 for extra services. It was laid over.

We are indebted to Mr. W. BURNS, Jr., Purser of the steamship *San Francisco*, for late California and Nicaragua papers.

A fairly active business was transacted in Cotton yesterday, at a shade firmer prices. Flour and Grain were moderately dealt in at slightly irregular figures. Provisions were quiet; Pork and Hogs held more firmly; Lard and Tallow depressed. Other articles varied little. The freight engagements were limited.

The number of beef cattle for the weekly supply at the National yards is 1,015. Yesterday transactions were active, so long as the supply of good cattle lasted. Sales were quick at about ½c. ℔ lb. advance on last week's figures. But as soon as all the best droves were disposed of trade dragged heavily, and the market closed dull enough for such cattle as were offered. Several hundred of common cattle were held over for a better market. Still there is an active demand for marketable bullocks at 15c.@17c. ℔ lb., net weight. A few of the extras were sold for 18c.@19c. ℔ lb., net weight. Large numbers of rough oxen and thin steers were sold for 12c.@14c. ℔ lb., net weight. Rough stags, tough, old cows, and scalawag steers, if sold at all, were turned out at 8c.@10c. ℔ lb. Fat calves are in excellent request, at 10c.@11c. ℔ lb., live weight. Extra fattened sell for 12c.@12½c. ℔ lb. Poor ones, 6c.@9c. The cold weather has improved the sheep market a trifle for really good sheep. The receipts are moderately large, with slow sales of the heavy supply of inferior stock. There is no change in prices since the last report. Sheep sell from 8½c. to 9c. ℔ lb., according to quality. Fair mutton sheep sell quickly at 8c.@8c. ℔ lb., live weight. Only a small proportion of the downs are taken for more than 6c. ℔ lb., live weight.

The Condition of Manufacturing Industry—Mr. Sprague's Speech.

The Senate may or may not heed Mr. SPRAGUE'S argument on the cotton tax, but it ought not to be indifferent to the startling array of facts with which his position on that subject is fortified. They are not the random assertions of an irresponsible politician intent upon producing a partisan effect. They are the well-considered statements of one who knows whereof he speaks, and whose complete identification with the manufacturing interests renders him a competent witness in matters affecting their condition and prospects.

Mr. SPRAGUE has outgrown the delusion that the country became rich under the enormous expenditures of the war. He sees that the taxation raised, and the debt incurred to carry on the war, deducted so much from the available wealth of the nation, which is to that extent poorer than it would otherwise have been. The increase of productive forces has not kept pace with the destruction incident to the war; so that we have neither benefited by the war outlay nor maintained the gradual advance which a comparison of years should have exhibited. Thus, in regard to Rhode Island, the machinery employed during the last seven years has depreciated in value seventy per cent., while nothing like a corresponding provision has been made for its renewal.

As for the condition to which industry and enterprise have been reduced, nothing more disastrous can be conceived. Mr. SPRAGUE declares that within the range of his business knowledge not a single manufacturing interest can be found that "is not almost destroyed—at any rate prostrated to the very dust." More than depression is implied in this statement. It indicates an injury which threatens permanently to prejudice the chances of our cotton growers and manufacturers in the markets of the world. The cotton planting interest Mr. SPRAGUE represents as all but crushed out of existence—and his opinion rests on his own observation and experience as a planter since 1802. "In my judgment you have not this interest in your hands," are the words he addressed to Senators who hesitate to repeal the cotton tax; "I am afraid that you have lost it for ever." The cheap cotton of India has gained ground in Europe, and "a fabric is to-day produced by the skill and labor of Englishmen equal to the best fabric that American machinery has yet been able to produce." Our improvements have not kept pace with our needs. We have fallen behind in the competition for cotton supremacy, and the largest manufacturer in the United States is compelled to confess that he does "not know of an article that the American manufacturer can now produce and export and compete with foreign manufacturers in the markets of the world even with the draw-back." Hard times, therefore, do but partially account for the dullness that prevails or afford a clue to the embarrassment that exists. The worst feature is the exclusion of our manufacturers from foreign markets in consequence of their inability to compete with other producers. They are literally driven off the field, with no present likelihood of regaining the foothold they formerly had.

Much of this injury is self-inflicted. Were it an inevitable result of the war, it might be submitted to philosophically as part of the price paid for national unity. But though the burdens inseparable from war have had some effect, it has been slight in comparison with that which has been occasioned by the blunders and absurdities of our fiscal system, and the reckless extravagance of our Government. We have done almost all that could be done, short of actual suppression, to cripple and crush the energies of the people. Cotton-planting has been well nigh taxed to death; and Mr. SPRAGUE, speaking with the condition of New-England vividly impressed on his mind, avers that "thousands and thousands of men, women and children are to-day suffering from the want of employment," in consequence of the taxes and the unwise legislation of recent years. Still more remarkable is another observation in the same connection. "We have taxed out of existence interests which have made us a prosperous people," are words that should be calmly pondered by those who imagine that the country suffers from mere temporary depression.

The relation of Mr. SPRAGUE to the Republican Party adds to the significance of this indictment of the financial and fiscal policy of the Government for which that party is properly responsible. Its high tariff legislation has failed to produce the results expected. The interests which Congress has undertaken more especially to protect by prohibitory duties are the interests which Mr. SPRAGUE depicts as on the verge of ruin. The evils of necessary internal taxation have been aggravated a thousand fold by fraud and the obstinacy with which reform has been resisted. Nor is this all. The wisest fiscal system is bad enough in difficult periods. But the bad system we have has been made worse by the maintenance of an extravagant expenditure and the persistency with which the Treasury has been saddled with objects utterly unsuited to our condition. The fatuity that would tax an overtaxed people to pay the national debt in advance of its maturity is only equaled by the folly which adds to the embarrassments of trade by a constant playing with the currency. These features of the Treasury policy are denounced by Mr. SPRAGUE as among the chief causes of the gloom which overhangs the business of the country. He is emphatic, too, in his censure of the dilatoriness of the Senate in regard to the most important measures that are before it. The repeal of the cotton tax should be immediate, to be of the slightest service; yet the Senate wasted days in discussing details, and adjourned for the holidays without final action. The same unaccountable proneness to delay deprives us of the benefit which the prompt passage of the House anti-contraction bill would confer.

Ireland and England—Irishmen and Englishmen.

The London *Times* discourses elaborately about the bitterness of feeling between Irishmen and Englishmen in connection with the late Fenian outrages. It shows, to the complete satisfaction, doubtless, of every Englishman, that the Irish are not only culpable in all respects, but that their culpability is owing to the inherent character of their nature. No people but the Irish could be guilty of such atrocious actions as it is their heart's delight to practice—Englishmen, least of all, even the worst possible Englishmen. The horrible thoughts that can never be got out of the head of an Irishman, can never be got into the head of an Englishman; and though there is hardly such a thing as a pure Englishman in England, the pure Irishman remains such wherever he may go. This is rather a free paraphrase of the *Times* argument on this point; but these are really the ideas it sets forth.

Another of the positions of the English organ is that the Irishism of the Irish has its origin in "the outrageous egotism, the utter selfishness, the shortsightedness, and downright folly of an exaggerated national sentiment." Here we confess we cannot help stumbling somewhat; for if this theory be true, what sort of an idea must we form of the Englishism of the English? That is to say, if the horrible Irish nature is due to an exaggerated national vanity, conceit and egotism, what kind of a nature must the Englishman have, and, were we not afraid, we might even ask, what kind of a nature must the Scotchman have? But no. Though we suppose all the world has been accustomed to figure the Englishman as the very embodiment of national vanity, there nevertheless come from it the highest traits of magnanimity, liberality and manhood. It is, as we know, an uncommon thing in the world to find figs and thistles growing from the same bush; and where, we are told, that in one people the worst, and in another people the best, characteristics, grow from the same root of egotism, our chief cause of surprise is not the fact itself, but the possibility of the existence of such an egregious vanity as could so blind the eyes to the logic of human nature.

Irish nature, moreover, is hopeless. It is forever given up to—being Irish. "Had the Irish race," says the *Times*, "been one-eyed, to see a foe alone; one-handed, to do naught but the deed of blood; and with the simplicity of reasoning powers to see one law of life and act of interests, suitable for itself alone, it could not have been more thoroughly made to the hand of agitators and demagogues." What is the use, then, of bothering any more about such a race? Why reason with it, and labor to change it? It would be as much a waste of time to try to bring the Irish up to the level of the English as it would be to try to bring the English down to the level of the Irish. The best way is to philosophically recognise the intrinsic goodness of the one, and the everlasting badness of the other—and then to cut off Ireland from all English association, and permit her people to carry on their natural rascalities to their heart's content.

If the *Times'* facts and arguments be correct, we do not see that any other conclusion can possibly be reached. In fact, its position is the strongest reason we have ever seen put forth in favor of Fenianism and Irish independence. Our own opinion, however, after some observation of Irish and English character, is, that its facts and arguments are both wrong—that Irish human nature is very much like English human nature at the bottom; and that if the relations of the two peoples had been reversed—if an Irish Government, possessing the power, had treated the English people for eight centuries as the English Government has for eight centuries treated the Irish people, we should, very likely, by this time, have seen the English just as cantankerous as they now find the Irish. If not, why not?

The New American Route to Asia—The Commerce of the Future.

Within a short time, four cargoes of tea have been carried from China to England by what must now be called the American route to Asia. Hong Kong, Panama, New-York and London—any one, by glancing at a map, can see the advantages this line has over the difficult and circuitous routes now followed by Chinese-European commerce. As soon as we get the Pacific Railroad completed, it will be Hong Kong, San Francisco, and across the continent to New-York direct for Europe. It will be the shortest, quickest and best line of commercial communication; and though the cost of transportation must at first be rather high, yet the advantages in other respects will be more than a set-off, and upon light and expensive articles like tea, the difference will not be severely felt. Already, as the steamship lists show, a portion of the European travel to China is coming this way—from a European port to New-York, hence by way of Panama to San Francisco, and thence by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's vessels to China. Travelers and commercial agents from Europe speak of the advantages this route has for them; and it cannot be long before a much greater proportion of them avail themselves of it. There is no question that, if it be the most advantageous route, it will assert itself, and command the travel and the mails and the traffic. Commerce takes account of little else beside its own fixed laws; and time, distance, cost, are the factors which control its lines of communication.

There is no question that these first important ventures in the way of carrying cargoes of tea by this new route will be hereafter followed by innumerable others in the same direction.

It is unfortunate for our country that the condition of its commercial marine should be so bad at the present time, and that its prospects should not be better for the following year. There are one or two items of legislation before Congress which, to begin with, should be acted upon without delay, even if members should find themselves incompetent to give attention to larger and more comprehensive measures of commercial development.

The President and the District Commanders.

Mr. JOHNSON certainly adopts strange methods of proving his anxiety for the peace and restoration of the South or for the reestablishment of harmonious relations between Congress and himself. His proceedings would be more intelligible if his understood purpose were to embarrass and delay the working of the reconstruction law, and to goad Congress into excesses by constantly multiplying the causes of difference and irritation.

The removal of Gens. ORD and POPE just when the most critical stage of reconstruction has been reached in their respective Districts may not be incompatible with an honest desire for peace, but will be more likely to encounter an unfriendly interpretation. Nothing has recently occurred in either District that calls for Executive interference; nor has aught at any time been charged against either of these officers which implies an abuse of authority or a departure from the letter or spirit of the law. Gen. ORD has the reputation of a faithful and judicious officer, and the administration of his department has been marked by excellent temper and moderation. More than once he has rebuked the over-officiousness of subordinates, and his regard for the law has been almost uniformly accompanied with a correct sense of the exigencies of the situation and a humane anxiety for the material interest of all classes. If, as is alleged, his transfer to another command is in accordance with his own wish, we can but regret the inevitable interference with the routine of his department at a time when interruption, from whatever cause, will operate injuriously. Gen. POPE has had a more difficult task to perform in executing the law in the presence of an opposition more thoroughly organized than exists elsewhere. Yet he too, has been temperate, courteous and in the main just. Fidelity to the law has exposed him to attack, and long ago gave birth to intrigues for his removal. But so far as the public know, he has striven to perform his duty with the least possible offence to the civil authorities of the States embraced in his command. Under his direction the preliminaries of reconstruction have been completed satisfactorily, and there has been no reason for apprehending failure or delay in reference to the ulterior proceedings. Even against POPE, therefore, nothing can be truly charged for which he should have forfeited his position, or which implies neglect of duty or violation of the intent of the law.

On the face of the matter, then, the removal of Gen. POPE wears the appearance of punishment for adhering to the expressed will of Congress rather than the known wishes of the President. He has been removed, as SHERIDAN and SICKLES were before him—for having steadily enforced the policy embodied in the law, instead of bowing obsequiously to the opinions of the erudite BICKLEY or accepting the obstructive interpretation emanating from Mr. JOHNSON. In this light Congress and the country will both see the whole affair.

It is at least possible, moreover, that the game does not lie altogether on the surface. The near future has doubtless entered into the calculation quite as much as the past. In both departments the period approaches when the opponents of the law will have their last chance of frustrating it by voting down the new Constitutions. In Arkansas and Mississippi, as in Alabama and Georgia, active preparations are going on to prevent the success of the Constitutions at the polls. Powerful organizations are afoot for the accomplishment of this object; and one of the auxiliaries relied upon is the transfer of the controlling power of the District Commanders from hands friendly to the law to hands in sympathy if not in league with the opposition. In these circumstances, the removal of POPE seems to be especially unfortunate. The fact that it is attended with circumstances which imply censure and disgrace make it especially unjust.

Let us hope that Congress will not allow itself to be provoked by these occurrences into a renewal of its old quarrel with the President. That he has not transcended his powers in the removal of POPE must be admitted. That he may even have been influenced "by a desire to heal local irritation and mitigate causes of difference," is not impossible. The opinion to be formed on this point will in a large degree depend upon the course of Gen. POPE'S successor, and upon the manner in which the President uses his opportunities during the remaining stages of reconstruction. Congress can afford to wait and see. It is so absolutely master of the situation, that it has little to fear from Mr. JOHNSON; and its energies will be more wisely employed in doing whatever events may render necessary to secure the early success of the reconstruction plan than in devising schemes for crippling and degrading the Executive.

The New American Treaty with King Kamehameha.

Gen. MCCOOK, our Minister Resident at the Sandwich Islands, is now in Washington, with the intention, it is understood, of presenting for ratification a new treaty of reciprocity with the government to which he is representative. The features of the treaty have not yet been made public, but we understand they are of the most liberal and advantageous character, and such as must redound to the interests of the vast commerce which we shall ere long have on the Pacific Ocean, with the nations of the Orient. In view of this commerce, the importance of our being on a proper footing with regard to the Sandwich Islands cannot be exaggerated. The French and English Governments have had their eyes on those islands during the whole of the present century; but now another power begins to loom up on the Western verge of the American Continent which also has eyes that nothing can escape, and a purpose that nothing can baulk.

There is no purchase to be made in this case, and no money is required in connection with the treaty. It is simply a question of commercial reciprocity, and consequently must meet with the most favorable reception from all parties in the Senate, as it does from the Administration.

The Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco have taken the matter up with great earnestness, and have telegraphed, in its favor, one of the longest and strongest dispatches that ever came over the wires. The Chamber of Commerce of this City will now take the subject up, and will doubtless send to Washington an appeal in its behalf no less emphatic. These are times when we are relaying and enlarging the foundations of our national greatness.

MINOR TOPICS.

The Louisville *Journal* says that the white race must and will control public action in the South; "even if the blacks outnumbered the whites two to one," it says, "the whites would soon make themselves the dominant race." We never doubted this, until we saw clearly that the Southern whites themselves do not believe it. If they did they certainly would not hold themselves so pertinaciously aloof from the work of reorganizing their governments as they do. If brains, culture, political sagacity and experience are of any value in public affairs, the whites have every possible advantage over the blacks in the Southern States. It seems to us they ought to have a little more confidence in their own ability than they show.

We are glad to know that our citizens will very soon be able to buy postage stamps as readily and easily as they can other trifles of which they have constant need. Postmaster KELLY is making arrangements for having them kept for sale by druggists, stationers and others at convenient points throughout the City,—so that they can be bought without special application at the Post-office and its subordinate stations. This convenience has long been needed by the public.

The *Tribune* copies something from our columns, and then tries to wrest it to Mr. SEWARD'S injury by saying that "the TIMES is understood to be the organ of Mr. SEWARD, so far as any paper can be the organ of that gentleman." What is meant by this qualifying phrase we do not pretend to guess; but the main statement is utterly without foundation. The TIMES is no more the organ of Mr. SEWARD than the *Tribune* is. He has just as much to do with that paper as with this, and it would be quite as just and fair to hold him, in any degree or to any extent, responsible for its utterances as for ours. The *Tribune* has seldom experienced any difficulty in finding or inventing grounds in Mr. SEWARD'S own sayings or doings, enough to serve its purposes of hostility:—it might afford him and us the simple justice of not holding him responsible for any opinions we may express.

Ex-Senator FITZPATRICK, of Alabama, opposes, in a recent letter, very strenuously, the ratification of the Constitution recently framed by the Convention in that State. He says it gives all negroes the right to vote, while it disfranchises many thousands of white men who, like himself, opposed secession as long as possible, and that its general tendency is to elevate the blacks at the expense of the whites. The Constitution fails to provide for the education of the children of the blacks in any practicable way, and is proscriptive, unjust and unwise in many of its provisions. Grant all this to be true—the question remains, how do the white people of the Southern States hope or expect to better their condition by rejecting this Constitution? This is a practical business, and the Southern people ought to take a practical view of it.

If Admiral SEMMES will persist in extolling his own Alabamian gallantry, as he does by continued lecturing, he cannot object to an occasional selection of gems from his precious collection of illustrations for exhibition and admiration at the North. One of his chief claims to grateful appreciation is that he respected private property. Having overhauled an outward-bound California steamer under the misapprehension that she was homeward bound and gold-laden, although there were 500 passengers on board provided with considerable money for their own personal use, and although according to the laws of war he had a perfect right to seize it all, this spotless and fearless warrior magnanimously refrained from despoiling them. Words fail us to express our admiration of the moral heroism exhibited by the high-minded Admiral in keeping his hands out of those 500 pockets.

The Doctors (of Divinity) who disagreed lately in the TIMES, relative to the amount of drunkenness to be seen in Europe, have been reconciled in their statements by the London papers, which consider that the one who saw little or no drunkenness must have alluded to the Continent, and the one who was shocked at its universality must have been speaking of the British Isles. The simple fact is that wherever light beers and wines are commonly used, drunkenness is a thing of exceeding rarity—as throughout the Continent; and wherever strong drink, liquors and fiery spirit is resorted to for that stimulant, which all the world seems to crave in some shape, drunkenness is disgustingly common—as throughout Britain. In America, the taste for spirits has been mollified by the large introduction of beers and wines from Germany and France; and America is by just so much better than England in the degrading vice of drunkenness. As long as people *will* drink, light potations and stringent excise will be the best promoters of temperance.

The Registrar-General of Great Britain furnishes material for a new attack upon the "disuse of marriage" in the upper classes of that nation. Among the lower orders marriage at a pretty early age is the rule, while the unmarried ones belong disproportionately to the higher and the upper-middle ranks. Of the women above the age of twenty in England and Wales, between 300,000 and 400,000 *must* remain single, on account of the actual excess of females over males. The number who *are* single is 1,537,000, nearly all between twenty and forty years of age. Fifty-eight per cent. of English women are married, three per cent. are widows, and thirty-nine per cent. are spinsters—two out of every five. These and other facts are wrought up by a writer in the *North British Review*, to show a sad state of things among the young, increase of luxury and self-indulgence among the men, and of extravagance and "fastness" among the maidens, and he predicts grave consequences—failing health and temper, idle lives, morbid extravagance in pleasure-seeking, deterioration of manners and social morals, and many other evils significant of decay in a community. How is it with us?

A correspondent writing to the *Rural New-Yorker*, from Tennessee, gives a clear view of the difficulty obstructing the development of agriculture in that State. He says the trouble lies in two facts: 1. The war openly waged in 1861 was emphatically a politician's war, and, in that State, not so much a sectional as a civil war; and, 2. The conflict is not yet ended, nor is likely soon to be. In a civil war no neutrality is tolerated and the persecution of one party by the other is simply a question of turning tables. At one time the Brownlow faction were in the minority, and were driven, many of them, as outcasts from their homes. Now, in the ascendant, they are unwearied in forcing their opponents to sacrifice their property, and in their turn leave the State. It is a fight of mutual hatred, and just now it "deprives adult males by the ten thousand, men of property, intelligence, patriotism and self-respect, of the republican right to vote, sit on juries, the bench as judges, in the halls of legislation and executive chair, apparently for no better purpose than to inflict on the disfranchised and outlawed party cruel and unjust punishment, by the perversion of all the powers of the ballot-box, jury-box, bench, legislative and executive offices in the State." A change in the conditions of power would probably be a mere reversal of positions—the general condition remaining the same. In such a Kilkenny state of affairs we can get up but little sympathy with either party, but can only hope that something may induce them to exercise a little common sense—the best statesmanship.

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 30.

DISCHARGE OF NAVY-YARD EMPLOYES.

To-morrow over 130 men, who were notified on Tuesday last, will be discharged from their employment in the Ordnance Bureau of the Navy-yard. The Bureau of Steam Engineering will also discharge a large number.

POST-OFFICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The General Post-office is now engaged in revising the affairs of a large number of Post-offices throughout the country, and making final settlements of their accounts. It is discovered that in many of the offices the business has greatly increased, which being shown to the satisfaction of the Department, the salaries of Postmasters at such offices will be increased. In other offices, where the business has decreased, a corresponding reduction will be made in the salary of Postmasters.

CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY.

The Congressional Directory for the second session of the Fortieth Congress has been issued by Major BEN. PERLEY POOR, at a cost to the Government of fifteen cents per copy. It has heretofore cost an average of fifty cents, and the new edition contains many improvements, including a brief *resume* of the political life of all the members of the present Congress, together with a statement of the votes and the majorities by which they were elected. It was arranged on the plan of the British Parliamentary Companion.

INCREASED COMPENSATION TO CLERKS.

Soon after it assembled, the House of Representatives called upon the heads of Departments for a statement of the amount disbursed by them under the act of Congress giving employes of the Government in Washington 20 per cent. additional compensation. The following statements have been received: From the Treasury, $647,334 67; from the War Department, $345,402 62. From the Navy Department, $47,015 77; from the Post-office Department, $55,508 01; from the Department of Agriculture, $20,079 01; total thus far, $1,115,340 08. The State and Interior Departments and Attorney-General's Office have not yet reported.

PORTRAIT OF CHIEF-JUSTICE MARSHALL.

A party of gentlemen, to the number of sixty, have purchased the portrait of Chief-Justice MARSHALL, by REMBRANDT PEALE, for $3,000, and propose to present it to Chief-Justice CHASE. The painting of WASHINGTON before Yorktown, by the same artist, which has for nearly twenty years adorned the eastern staircase of the Senate wing, will soon be removed by its owners, the descendants of the artist, unless Congress shall prevent it by purchasing the picture. It has been in its present position so long that almost every one has regarded it as national property.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 30.

THE HAVANA CONSULSHIP.

The office of Consul-General at Havana has been vacant for some months, the Senate last Summer having failed to confirm the nomination made by the President. As a consequence, Mr. SAVAGE was left in charge of the business as Vice-Consul. Mr. H. R. DE LA REINTREE, a clerk of the State Department, was sent to Havana several weeks ago to relieve Mr. SAVAGE, and will discharge the duties of Consul temporarily, or until a Consul-General shall be duly appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

DEPARTURE OF GEN. GILLEM.

Brevet Major-Gen. A. C. GILLEM, recently appointed commander of the Fourth Military District until the arrival of Gen. MCDOWELL from California, left the city this afternoon to relieve Gen. ORD, and assume command of the Fourth District, headquarters at Jackson, Miss.

THE GREEK BONDS.

Information has been received here that a definite arrangement was recently concluded between the holders of the Greek bonds of 1824 and 1825 and the Greek Government, the latter agreeing to pay £55,000 sterling annually for the period of fifty years for the redemption of these bonds. This decision of the Government has contributed to raise its credit abroad, particularly in England. The debt for which these bonds were issued having been contracted previous to the establishment of Greece as an independent State, and considered of so doubtful a character that the English Government never deemed proper to urge the payment of the claims of English subjects, who are the principal bondholders.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD.

Mr. W. F. BALTON, of San Francisco, under date of the 25th of November, writes to the Department of State that gold has been discovered by a party of explorers with which he is connected, at the headwaters of the Skeina and Copper Rivers, in paying quantity, from both deep and river diggings.

THE PRESIDENT'S NEW-YEAR RECEPTION.

At 11 o'clock A. M. on New-Year's Day the President will receive the members of the Cabinet and foreign Ministers, the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and of the Court of Claims. At 11:30 o'clock A. M. the officers of the Army Navy and the Marine Corps will be received. At 11:45 A. M. the Associated Soldiers of the War of 1812, and the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia will be received. The reception of citizens will commence at 12 M., at which hour the gates of the inclosure will be opened, and will terminate at 2 o'clock P. M. Ladies will be received. The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order notifying officers of the Navy and Marine Corps, in this city, to assemble at the Navy Department at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, and thence proceed to pay their respects to the President of the United States. A similar order relating to Army officers will be issued by the Secretary of War *ad interim*.

OTHER RECEPTIONS.

The several heads of departments, members of Congress, and others, will receive visitors on New Year's Day.

ADDRESS BY SENATOR MORTON.

United States Senator MORTON, of Indiana, in response to the invitation of the Soldiers and Sailors' Union, addressed a large audience to-night in the hall of that Association, his subject being "The Issues of 1868." He said that among them would be the complete restoration of the Southern State Governments into the hands of the rebels by the defeat of the Congressional plan of reconstruction; and that the success of the Democratic Party directly involved a compensation for slaves, the assumption of the rebel war debt, and pensions to Confederate soldiers, their widows and orphans. He analyzed Gen. HANCOCK'S recent order, which the President had laid before Congress in his Message, saying that it made no mention whatever of the business of reconstruction, but was directed entirely to a recognition of the legal character of the existing State Governments, and that the President pledged himself to sustain them fully in the execution of their powers. If Gen. HANCOCK supported the principles against which he fought and became the ally of his enemies against his friends, his laurels would wither like the tender flowers beneath the simoon of the desert.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

Señor ROMERO, in a note to the Secretary of State, dated Mexico, Dec. 9, says:

"Our Congress met yesterday. In the inclosed copy of our official paper you will find the President's Message and the answer from Señor MONTES, the Speaker of the House. In both speeches friendly allusions were made to the United States, which I hope may be read with interest and pleasure in the North. The President urges me to return to Washington, but I have not made up my mind on the subject."

THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court of the United States today, the Chief Justice announced the adoption of the following rule:

Ordered, that upon the filing of a transcript of a record brought up by writ of error or appeal, the appearance of the counsel for the plaintiff in error or appellant shall be entered, and no motion to dismiss, except on special assignment by the court, shall be heard unless previous notice has been given to the adverse party, or the counsel or attorney of such party.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Miss RICHINGS commenced a short season of English opera at this establishment last evening. The attendance was not so extensive as it might have been, but the holidays perhaps had something to do with the matter; there is consolation in that reflection. The opera was the "Crown Diamonds," which was given with spirit by the soloists—all well known and approved by the public. The dialogues were not easily followed, owing, perhaps, to the fact that there were not sufficient people in attendance to hear them comfortably. The orchestra was good, and the chorus, although occasionally weak, was passable. It is unnecessary to say anything of AUBER'S opera, which, in its English form, is simply a musical drama of an exceedingly interesting character. It gave satisfaction to the audience, and will undoubtedly bear repetition.

Mr. Dickens' Readings.

Last evening Mr. DICKENS read *Nicholas Nickleby* and *Boots at the Hollow-Tree Inn*, to a large and enthusiastic audience. He will finish his third course of readings here this evening with *David Copperfield* and *Mr. Bob Sawyer's Party*.

On Thursday evening next Mr. DICKENS will commence a fourth course of readings with *Doctor Marigold*. This is, in England, one of the most popular of his readings. He has read it in a vast number of places, and always with the greatest success. There is a kind of traveling peddler in England known as a "Cheap Jack," who carries his wares in a cart, and addresses his audience from the cart's footboard. Doctor Marigold is an embodiment of the whole "Cheap Jack" class, a little exalted for the artistic purposes of a touching story. The "Cheap Jack" is always facetious and voluble, and his manner of selling his goods is exactly illustrated in Mr. DICKENS' reading. As *Doctor Marigold* is not included in any American edition of DICKENS' works, except the "Diamond," TICKNOR & FIELDS have published it separately, for the convenience of those who wish to know the story before hearing it read, in uniform style with the little reading-books for the first course.

The sale of tickets for Mr. DICKENS' fourth course of readings took place yesterday. Some of the most anxious ones gathered at the door of Steinway Hall at 9 o'clock the night before. At 9 o'clock in the morning, when the ticket office opened, there were nearly one hundred persons in the line. The first reading of the fourth course will be given on Thursday next, and the others respectively on the 3d, 9th and 10th proximo. Mr. DICKENS will then visit Boston, Philadelphia, and other large cities, and returning will give several readings again in this City.

Hon. A. H. H. DAWSON, who was a companion of DICKENS in the prairie excursions made during his first visit to this country, recently addressed him a note suggesting a method of disposing of seats for his readings which would give more satisfaction to the public as being less profitable to the speculators. The following is Mr. DICKENS' reply:

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FINANCIAL.

Public Debt—Good Faith—Letter from Hon. E. G. Spaulding.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24, 1867.

Hon. E. D. Morgan, U. S. Senator, Washington:

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of the recent report of the Finance Committee brought in by Senator SHERMAN, and Senate Bill No. 207, "for funding the national debt, and for the conversion of the notes of the United States, accompanied by your letter of the 19th inst., asking my opinion on the proposed measure, or any of its parts, and desiring me to communicate my suggestions at an early day.

I am deeply impressed with the importance of a return to the specie standard at the earliest moment consistent with the operations of the Government and people. I concur fully in that part of the report of your Committee which seeks "to secure to the holders of United States notes, as soon as possible, their value in gold." This, in my opinion, should engage the earnest efforts of Congress and the Executive; and I am much gratified to see your Committee so earnest and decided in urging a return to the specie standard at the earliest practicable moment. A resumption of specie payments by the Government, the banks and people, is the first great thing to be accomplished. This would dispose of nearly all the complicated and disturbing issues that have been raised by politicians and others, as to the time when, and the kind of money in which the debts shall be paid. It would demonstrate more clearly than anything else our resources and ability to pay the public debt, and our determination to preserve unimpaired the good faith of the nation, and establish all business operations on a firm and enduring basis.

I notice that Senator SHERMAN, in his report, (pages 6 and 7,) giving countenance to the idea that the 5-20 bonds, under the act of 25th February, 1862, may be paid in the depreciated greenback currency, is laboring under a material misapprehension of the facts in regard to the representations made by the agents of the Government when the loan was negotiated, and especially as to the time when those representations were made. Mr. SHERMAN says, "It is said that the distinguished Secretary of the Treasury who negotiated the 5-20 loan, gave a construction to this act at the time the loan was offered; that this was announced to the people, and upon the faith of this the loan was taken. Your committee can find no official declaration made by the Secretary on this subject, until after the loan was negotiated," and then refers to a letter written by Secretary CHASE, May 18, 1864, as being the first official declaration on the subject that has come to his knowledge. The Senator seems to consider that if the Secretary made official declarations, at the time the loan was negotiated, giving a construction to the act, to the effect that the principal, as well as the interest, was payable in coin, and that if both parties understood that to be the construction of the law, such declarations would form a part of the contract, and that the Government would be bound to make these declarations good, and to give effect to the contract as understood by both parties when it was made. Now, the proofs are at hand that such official representations were made by the distinguished Secretary of the Treasury, before and at the time the loan was being negotiated, as I will now proceed to show.

Secretary CHASE, who negotiated that loan, decided as early as December, 1862, that a fair construction of all the loan acts under which the funded debt was contracted, required us to pay actual money—gold and silver—on all the funded debt of the Government; that a pretended payment in another promise of the United States was no payment, but merely changing the form of the debt. In other words, that a payment of the bonds in greenbacks would be merely substituting the debt of the Government in the form of legal-tender notes bearing no interest, for bonds bearing six per cent. interest, which would be manifestly unjust. This question came up on the kind of money that should be provided for paying that part of the funded debt, created prior to the rebellion, which fell due Jan. 1, 1863, and this decision was then made and published. The Committee of Ways and Means, in December, 1862, a short time before its maturity, desired to know whether any further legislation would be necessary to insure the payment of coin on that part of the funded debt falling due within a few days. In order to ascertain in a formal manner what construction the Secretary of the Treasury would put upon the law, a sub-committe from the Committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. HOOPER, Mr. MORRILL and myself, to confer with the Secretary on the subject. This sub-committee called upon the Secretary at the Treasury Department, and after a full and free conference, *the Secretary decided that a fair construction of the law, as well as good faith, required him to pay all the funded debt in coin, and that he did not deem it necessary to have any further law passed to enable him to do so.*

Under these circumstances, the Committee of Ways and Means did not deem it necessary to report a bill authorizing or requiring the funded debt to be paid in coin, and consequently no further law was passed; and on the first of January, 1863, the funded debt falling due at that time was paid in coin. From the time this decision was made by Secretary CHASE, down to the present time, the same language has been held by each Secretary of the Treasury, namely, that the funded debt of the Government was payable in coin, both principal and interest, and that the Government would not seek to avail itself of the five years' option to redeem the 5-20 bonds until it was prepared to pay coin for the principal as well as the interest. But this is not the only proof.

Messrs. FISK & HATCH, bankers in New-York City, were prominent sub-agents of the Government in negotiating the 5-20 bonds under the act of Feb. 25, 1862. Many persons who were desirous of subscribing to this loan, wanted to know authoritatively whether the principal of the bonds was payable in coin as well as the interest. In order to have the proof in hand to satisfy people on this point, FISK & HATCH, at the very time they were negotiating large amounts of this loan, addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 3d of August, 1863, and received from him an official reply, signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which was immediately published in the New-York TIMES, as follows:

THE POPULAR LOAN.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We are receiving numerous inquiries as to whether the United States Five-twenty bonds are redeemable in gold. We have received a letter from the Treasury Department most satisfactorily answering this question, (as it was once before answered by Mr. CHASE,) a copy of which we hand you herewith. The popular character of this loan, and its wide distribution among the people, render the subject one of universal public interest and importance, and we presume the publication of this letter will be acceptable to your readers.

(Signed) FISK & HATCH, Bankers.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5, 1863.

GENTLEMEN: Your letter of the 3d inst. relative to the redemption of six per cent. 5-20 bonds of the loan of Feb. 25, 1862, has been received. The following is the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the redemption of the public debt:

"All coupon and registered bonds forming a part of the permanent loan of the United States *will be redeemed in gold.* The 5-20 sizes, being redeemable at any time within twenty years after the lapse of five years, belong to the *permanent* loan, and so also do the 20 years sixes of July 17, 1861, into which the three years 7-30s are convertible. All obligations and notes forming a part of the temporary loan will be paid at maturity in United States notes, unless before such maturity payment in specie shall have been generally resumed. The 7-30 three year bonds or notes form part of the temporary loan, with the privilege of conversion into 20 years sixes, in sums not less than $500. They will, therefore, be paid, if the holders prefer payment to conversion, in United States notes.

GEO. HARRINGTON,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

To Messrs. FISK & HATCH, Bankers, New-York.

This official letter from the Treasury Department, in addition to its being published in all the newspapers, was published in handbill form, (one of the original handbills being now in my possession,) and sent broadcast among the people, to induce them to come forward and take up these bonds—which were *then on the market* under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and offered by him at par. I was at this time actively engaged in negotiating this loan. I advertised and circulated this letter extensively myself, and gave copies of it to subscribers at the time of making their subscription to this loan. I regarded these representations, made by authority of the Treasury Department, and upon the faith of which people were induced to subscribe for the loan, as forming a part of the contract, and that the Government is now bound to make these representations good; and that, whenever they seek to redeem these bonds, the principal as well as the interest should be paid in coin. I should regard it as a gross breach of faith on the part of the Government to attempt to evade these declarations, or equivocate in fulfilling this contract, or any part of it.

But aside from these representations made by the Secretary, I would suggest that the plain meaning of the act of '62, when read in connection with its title, leads to the same conclusion, and that Secretary CHASE, in giving the construction to the law which he did in negotiating the loan, gave a correct, practical, common-sense decision. The argument of the present Secretary, in his last annual report (pages 24, 25 and 26,) is able and conclusive on this point. The interpretation given to the act by both these distinguished Secretaries is in exact accordance with my intention at the time I drew and introduced the bill in the House, in January, 1862, and, as I believe, it was fully understood by Congress when it passed. The title of the act is expressive of the intention and purpose for which it was passed, namely, "An Act to authorize the Issue of United States Notes, and for the Redemption or Funding thereof, and for Funding the Floating Debt of the United States."

It was intended by this measure, in the imminent peril in which we were then placed by rebellion, to make a forced loan from capitalists, by compelling them to take legal-tender United States notes, which should be paid out to the army and navy, and for supplies and material of war, but at the same time give them a fair rate of interest for the use of their money, by allowing them to fund these legal tender notes as they should accumulate in their hands and not bearing interest, into a twenty years bond bearing six per cent. interest. In the opening speech which I made in the House on the 28th January, 1862, I said, "The demand notes put in circulation would meet the present exigencies of the Government, in the discharge of its existing liabilities to the army and navy, and contractors for supplies, materials and munitions of war. These notes would find their way into all the channels of trade among the people, and as they accumulate in the hands of capitalists, they would exchange them for six per cent. twenty years bonds. These circulating notes in the hands of the people, would enable them to pay taxes imposed, and would facilitate all business operations between farmers, mechanics, commercial business men and banks, and be equally as good as, and in most cases better than, the present irredeemable currency issued by the State banks. The $500,000,000 six per cent. twenty years bonds in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, ready to be issued, would afford ample opportunity for funding the Treasury notes as fast as capitalists might desire to exchange notes not bearing interest for coupon bonds of the United States bearing six per cent. interest, and amply secured by a tax on the people and all their property. In this way the Government will be able to get along with its immediate and pressing necessities, without being obliged to force its bonds on the market at ruinous rates of discount, the people under heavy taxation will be shielded against high rates of interest, and the capitalists will be afforded a fair compensation for the use of their money during the pending struggle of the country for national existence.

A suspension of specie payments is greatly to be deplored, but it is not a fatal step in an exigency like the present. The British Government and the Bank of England remained under suspension of specie payments from 1797 to 1821-2, a period of twenty five years. Gold is not as valuable as are the productions of the farmer and mechanic, for it is not as indispensable as food and raiment. Our army and navy must have what is more valuable to them than gold or silver—they must have food, clothing and the material of war. Treasury notes issued by the Government on the faith of the whole people, will purchase these indispensable articles, and the war can be prosecuted until we can enforce obedience to the Constitution and laws, and an honorable peace be thereby secured. This being accomplished, I will be among the first to advocate a speedy return to specie payments, and all measures that are calculated to preserve the honor and dignity of the Government in time of peace, and which I regret are not practicable in the prosecution of this war."

These are, in part, the remarks I made in the House on the Loan bill introduced by me, and which became a law Feb. 25, 1862. The operation of the bill, in the issue of the legal-tender notes, the paying them out to the army and navy, their final funding into a twenty years six per cent. bond, have been substantially what I stated would be its operation at the time I introduced it into the House. The object of the bill was to provide the means by which the floating and temporary debt then bearing heavily upon the Treasury might, by the operation of the act, be funded into a long bond without a heavy sacrifice in making the negotiation. Some gentlemen are now trying to reverse the obvious intent of the act, and unfund all this bonded debt, by again putting it into a *floating* and temporary form. I regard all these late shifts and quibbles to unsettle what I regard as already honorably fixed and determined by the Treasury Department under and in pursuance of law, as unworthy of this great nation, unstatesmanlike in those who advocate it, and if persisted in, will, I think, inevitably destroy the credit of the Government, and postpone indefinitely a resumption of specie payments.

Why take the back track under these funding loan bills? Why open the question at all at this time? The floating debt and temporary loans are already funded, or so nearly funded that there cannot be any reasonable doubt that, by the 15th July next, when the last series of 7-30 notes fall due, the whole will be funded into bonds, none of which are payable until 1882, being 15 years yet before they become due. The Government is not legally or morally bound to pay one dollar of the principal of these bonds until they become due. Then why trouble ourselves about funding that which is already funded, especially when it has to be done by repudiating the acts and declarations of the Secretary of the Treasury in the discharge of his official duties? Why raise the question now, as to the kind of money with which we are to pay bonds already outstanding, and which are not becoming due until 1882?

The $830,000,000 of three years 7-30 notes were all negotiated under representations made by the Treasury Department, similar to those made in respect to the 5-20 loan of '62, with an express stipulation that the holders of these notes should have the privilege of converting them, at maturity, into 5-20 bonds. The bonds of '62, as well as the bonds issued in redemption of the three series of 7-30 notes, all stand upon the same footing, and the Government is no doubt bound to pay the principal as well as interest in coin, whenever it seeks to retire these bonds under the five years option reserved in the face of the bonds. That such is the view taken by the present Secretary of the Treasury, fully appears by his letter to L. P. MORTON & Co., bankers in New-York, in which he says:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Nov. 15, 1866.

GENTLEMEN: Your favor of the 13th inst. is received. I regard, as also did my predecessors, all bonds of the United States as payable in coin. The bonds that have matured since the suspension of specie payments have been so paid, and I have no doubt that the same will be true of all others. This being, as I understand it to be, the established policy of the Government, the 5-20 bonds of 1862, will either be called in at the expiration of five years from their date, and paid in coin, or be permitted to run until the Government is prepared to pay them in coin.

I am, very truly yours,
HUGH McCULLOCH, Secretary.

Messrs. L. P. MORTON & Co., New-York.

Under the influence of this official declaration, most of the bonds have been taken on the exchange of the 7-30 notes, in pursuance of the stipulation on the back of the notes, and long before these bonds become due specie payments will no doubt be resumed, and we shall then have but one standard of value, and only one kind of money, namely, coin or its equivalent, in which to pay these bonds. Our population and resources will be nearly double then to what they are now. We shall be abundantly able to pay at that time in that currency which is recognized by all civilized nations as the true standard and measure of value, and thereby the honor and good faith of the nation will be fully maintained.

I would suggest that it is not wise to prematurely agitate this question, and am not able as yet to see any good reason for doing so. On the contrary, I think all agitation now, on this branch of the financial question, is mischievous, and calculated unnecessarily to impair our credit at home and abroad.

I would suggest further, that the provision in the bill, which limits the legal-tender currency to $400,000,000 is a good one, provided there is any sane man in Congress who proposes, in a time of peace, to dilute and still further depreciate the currency, by increasing it above that sum; but I think the maximum of the greenback currency must not exceed $250,000,000 or $300,000,000 when we reach the specie standard, if we would successfully maintain specie payments.

And it seems to me, that it would greatly facilitate a resumption of specie payments, if the National Banks were required to hold a part of their reserves in coin, and that some safe plan should be devised by which the sub-treasuries in the principal cities, especially in New-York, could make daily settlements with the banks through the Clearing-house, and requiring only balances to be paid, substantially in the same manner as the banks in the principal cities make their daily settlements with each other. In this way no large movement of coin to or from the Sub-Treasury would be necessary, and the daily payments could be made with comparative ease. But this letter is already too long, much longer than I intended when I commenced it, and I will not enlarge further on this subject at this time. I may desire to make some further suggestions, and if so, will write you again.

I remain, very truly, your friend,
E. G. SPAULDING.

The Burning of the Steamship Raleigh—Statement of a Passenger.

From the Charleston (S. C.) Courier, Dec. 28.

We have been furnished with the following accounts from the survivors of the late disaster to the steamer *Raleigh:*

Dr. JONATHAN CASS, a passenger, who arrived Thursday morning, states that, on Tuesday, about 11:45 o'clock, he was going from the upper deck below, when he met the purser's wife at the foot of the stairs. She informed him that the steamer was on fire, and asked for her husband. He told her he had not seen Mr. MCMANUS. On arriving on the lower deck he saw the flames issuing from the rear of the engine, and the Captain and others making efforts to extinguish the fire. One of the firemen told him the fire was just aft of the boiler, and that they could do nothing, not being able to get the donkey engine or the fire apparatus in working order. A general alarm was given, and the fire spreading very rapidly, the forward part of the steamer was soon enveloped in flames. The passengers and crew made a great rush aft, and commenced lowering the boats. Being unable to stop the engine, the wheels kept going and the steamer in motion. The boats were lowered aft of the wheels. Could not say how many boats were lowered; but after getting in one, he saw two others afloat. Capt. MARSHMAN was very active, giving his orders with great coolness and decision. The passengers, however, paid but little attention to him, lowering themselves by ropes and by the sides of the steamer into the boats, overcrowding and capsizing them. The sea was very rough. The Doctor fell into the water, and was picked up by a boat then containing about twenty-five persons. This boat capsized over twenty times, but being a metallic lifeboat, with air-tight apartments, she did not sink, even when she filled with water. The occupants capsized her themselves several times, with the hope of clearing her of water, clinging at such times to her sides. The men were so exhausted, however, that they would get in without being able to wait. Gradually one after another fell off and were lost, until only ten were left.

Many ineffectual attempts were made to right the boat and dip out the water. At length those who wore life preservers agreed to keep off some distance, and accordingly left an old sailor in the boat by himself, who, by means of a piece of wood, commenced bailing, and was successful in lighting her a little. Another got in, and, taking off his shoes, also assisted in bailing. The Doctor then took off his boots, by the help of which the boat was entirely cleared, when the rest of those around got in. They had now drifted a quarter of a mile from the steamer. It was then near sundown. They had but one oar, but just before dark, in sailing around the wreck, they came up with the Purser's boat, from which they took three men, and were given another oar and row-locks. They then steered westward. In going near the wreck they saw various parts of the steamer floating about, and a number of sharks swimming around. They also saw two rafts, on which there were a number of men, but could not tell how many. As they passed the burning steamer they heard some one hailing them, but could not tell who it was, though it was thought not to be the Captain's voice. The men, without either hats or shoes, worked very cheerfully, each taking their turns at rowing. After rowing all Tuesday night they made land on Kiawah Island. On going ashore the boat was carried over the beach and launched into Kiawah River. They got aground several times and the men had to foot it through the woods. About 3 P. M., they came across a house and were kindly received by the negroes, who gave them water and some sweet potatoes, which partially relieved their hunger. One of the negroes offered to pilot them to Charleston, an offer which they gladly accepted. They made another halt on the road after this at another house, where they stayed and warmed themselves until 10 o'clock Wednesday night. About 10:30 they started for Charleston, guided by their negro pilot, and arrived here about 8:30 Thursday morning.

They were all very kindly received at the Mills House, where they took breakfast. One of their number, a poor Italian named GARIGARDO, unable to speak a word of English, had four sons on board, who are all believed to have been drowned. They were harpers, and were on their way to New-Orleans for the purpose of trying their fortunes in that city. The last Dr. CASS saw of the Captain he was still engaged supplying life-preservers, chairs, &c., to those in the water.

At one time several vessels were reported in sight, and many hoped to received aid from them, but none came near them.

MICHAEL LARKIN, a fireman, stated that the vessel caught fire forward of the boiler about 12 M., and in an hour's time the steamer was on fire fore and aft.

Among others lost was JOHN BROOKS, First Engineer, who was last seen by Purser MCMANUS on one of the gratings of the vessel, and JAMES AMMERMAN, Second Engineer.

Result of the Election in Arkansas—Announcement by Gen. Ord.

Gen. ORD issued an order, Dec. 21, announcing the names of the delegates elected in Arkansas to the Constitutional Convention, and also stating the vote cast. We give the latter statement, which is as follows:

"At the election recently held in the State of Arkansas, to determine whether a Convention should be called 'for the purpose of establishing a Constitution and Civil Government for the State, loyal to the Union,' and for delegates thereto, 41,134 votes were cast upon the question of holding such Convention, of which number 27,576 votes were cast 'for a Convention,' and 13,558 votes were cast 'against a Convention.' The total number of registered voters in the State is 66,806. The number of votes cast on the question of Convention being in excess of the number required by the Act of Congress, approved March 23, 1867, and a majority of those votes having been cast 'for a Convention,' the Convention will be held and will assemble as heretofore directed in General Orders No. 37, current series, from these headquarters, Dec. 5, 1867."

NEW DEMOCRATIC ORGAN IN WILLIAMSBURGH.—Hon. MARTIN KALBFLEISCH, the enterprising chemist of Bushwick, and Mayor-elect of the City of Brooklyn, is very much like Plymouth Church—he feels it safe to have an organ. When he was Mayor before, he established the *Brooklyn News*, the material of which was subsequently sold at a low figure to the New-York Printing Company. He has now purchased the *Brooklyn Times*, an old established paper of the Republican-Democratic persuasion, in the Eastern District, and has engaged Mr. WOOD, the present editorial manager, to take charge of it. After this the Williamsburgh Republicans will be without an organ unless some plucky gentlemen step to the front and determine otherwise.

PERSONAL.—A dispatch from Havana sets forth that Señor E. ARRANTANE, the accommodating inspector of the Cuban telegraph at that point, who has been seriously ill, has recovered, and is now at his post again.

A GOOD SPECULATION.—CHARLES N. CORBI, Jr., residing at No. 101 Fifth-street, had on the 17th inst. the good fortune to draw the capital prize of $20,000 in WOOD, DICKINSON & Co.'s lottery, drawn at No. 17 Fourth-street, in this city.—*Louisville Courier, Dec. 19.*

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The transportation of passengers will therefore be suspended for a few weeks and the line covered by exclusively freight boats.

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DIED.

BARLOW.—At Sing Sing, on Saturday, Dec. 28, ELLA FRANCIS, second daughter of Wm. M. and Catharine S. Barlow.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her father, on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 11 o'clock, in Ellis-place, Sing Sing, N. Y.

BLAIR.—On Sunday night, Dec. 29, at Ottawa, Canada, Hon. ADAM JOHNSTON FERGUSSON BLAIR, President of the Executive Council of the Dominion of Canada, eldest brother of Robert C. Fergusson, Esq., of this City.

CLENDENING.—On Monday morning, Dec. 30, JOHN CLENDENING, of this City, aged 71 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral this afternoon at 2½ o'clock, at the Church of the Redemption, East 14th st., near 4th-av.

CALLICOT.—On Saturday, Dec. 28, FITZINA H., wife of Theophilus C. Callicot, aged 38 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday afternoon, at 2½ o'clock, from the southeast corner of Henry and President sts., Brooklyn.

DAY.—On Monday, Dec. 30, ELIZA, wife of Samuel W. Day, and daughter of the late William Gibson.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

EVANS.—Suddenly, on Sunday, Dec. 29, JOSEPH EVANS, aged 34 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral this day, (Tuesday,) the 31st inst., from the Presbyterian Church, South 3d, corner of 5th-st., Brooklyn, E. D.

EARLE.—On Monday, Dec. 30, DANIEL THORN, infant son of Daniel D. and Esther M. Earle.

GODFREY.—At Princeton, N. J., on Saturday, Dec. 28, ELIZABETH GODFREY, widow of Joseph Godfrey, aged 58 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 1 o'clock, from the New-Jerusalem Church, 35th-st., between 4th and Lexington avs. Will be interred at Cypress Hills Cemetery.

GILBERT.—On Saturday, Dec. 28, HENRY C., son of the late Warren and Madeline Gilbert, in the 23d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at the residence of his uncle, Clinton Gilbert, No. 45 5th-av., this (Monday) evening, the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock, without further invitation. Interment in the family grounds at Piermont, Rockland County, N. Y., on Tuesday at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARDIE.—On Sunday, Dec. 29, after a long and severe illness, JOHN H. HARDIE, aged 67 years.

The funeral will take place from the late residence of the deceased, No. 216 Raymond-st., Brooklyn, this day, (Tuesday,) the 31st inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. The friend and relatives of the family, also the members of Jopps Lodge No. 201, F. & A. M., are invited to attend.

F. A. M.—The members of Jopps Lodge No. 201, F. A. M., are hereby summoned to attend the funeral of our late lamented brother, JOHN H. HARDIE, from the late residence of the deceased, No. 216 Raymond-st., Brooklyn, on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. The Lodge will hold a special communication at their rooms, corner of Court and Joralemon sts., at 12½ o'clock P. M. Brothers will assemble arrangements for attending the funeral.

MULLIGAN.—At Astoria, on Monday, Dec. 30, CAROLINE PARK, daughter of William and Ellen W. Mulligan.

Her relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral on Wednesday morning, Jan. 1, at 11 o'clock, from the residence of her father, Astoria, without further invitation.

ROCKWELL.—Suddenly, at Long Branch, N. J., WM. ROCKWELL, M. D.

Further notice given.

SPEIR.—At her residence, No. 112 Montague-place, Brooklyn, on Monday evening, Dec. 30, HANNAH S. SPEIR, wife of Robert Speir, Jr., and daughter of the late Samuel Fleet, of Brooklyn.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her son, Dr. S. Fleet Speir, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Remsen and Clinton sts., Brooklyn, on Friday, Jan. 3, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

SMITH.—At Centre Moriches, on Wednesday, Dec. 25, FRANCIS SMITH, aged 54 years.

ST. JOHN.—On Sunday, Dec. 29, of inflammatory rheumatism, Miss MARY ANN ST. JOHN, in the 26th year of her age.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her brother, Mr. Ward St. John, No. 33 South 5th-st., Brooklyn, E. D. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

VAN BRUNT.—On Sunday, Dec. 29, at his late residence, No. 25 West 45th-st., TUNIS VAN BRUNT, in the 65th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the Reformed Dutch Church, corner of 21st-st. and 5th-av., on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 10 o'clock A. M., without further notice. The remains will be taken to Jamaica, L. I., for interment.

☞ Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Chicago papers please copy.

WHEELER.—On Sunday, Dec. 29, of disease of the heart, MARY AMANDA WHEELER, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine Selina Wheeler, aged 17 years, 8 months and 2 days.

The friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 215 West 35th-st., New York.

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THE PROVIDENT FUND AND LIFE INSURANCE CO.,
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New-York, Dec. 28, 1867.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of Trustees will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th of January, 1868, between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.

The transfer-book will be closed on and after the 3d of January, 1868.

J. EDWIN CONANT, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Masterton, Smith & Sinclair Stone Dressing Company will be held at their works, foot of East 29th-st., on WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 1868, at 12 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing trustees and transacting any other business which may come before the meeting.

Polls to continue open to 12 M.

By order of the Trustees.
ALEX. MILNE, President.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1867.

49 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1867.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK are hereby notified to attend a meeting at the office of the Company, No. 49 Exchange-place, Room No. 15, on FRIDAY, the 3d Jan., 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M., to consider and decide on such measures as will provide for the immediate demands on the Company. By order of the Board of Directors.

J. B. F. GRADY, Assistant Secretary.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1867.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of this Bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, the 14th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

By order of the Board.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK
OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

A. GILBERT, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, OFFICE, No. 111 LIBERTY-ST.,
Dec. 26, 1867.

THE FINAL INSTALLMENT ON THE scrip stock of this Company (@20 on each share) will be payable on and after Jan. 1, 1868.

R. J. SOUTHMAYD, Treasurer.

ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO, COUPONS, due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid on and after 2d proximo, on presentation at the office of WILLIAM HOGE & CO., No. 40 Wall-st.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1867.

FINANCIAL.

Fisk & Hatch
BANKERS AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
No. 5 Nassau-street,
BUY AND SELL AT MARKET RATES,
ALL DESCRIPTIONS
OF
UNITED STATES SECURITIES,
and give especial attention to the conversion of
SEVEN-THIRTY NOTES
INTO THE
NEW FIVE-TWENTY BONDS OF 1865 AND 1867.
Holders of the Sixes of 1881, and Five-twenty Bonds of 1862, and May 1, 1865, may now realize a liberal difference by exchanging them for the new 5-20s of 1865-7. We are prepared to make these exchanges upon the most favorable terms.
Deposits received and collections made.
FISK & HATCH, No. 5 Nassau-st.

BANKING HOUSE OF
JAY COOKE & CO.
NO. 20 WALL-ST.
CORNER OF NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.
We buy and sell at the most liberal current prices, and keep on hand a full supply of
GOVERNMENT BONDS OF ALL ISSUES,
SEVEN-THIRTIES
AND
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES,
And execute orders for purchase and sale of
STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
We have added to our office a Retail Department for the accommodation of the public demand for investment in and exchanges of Government Securities, the purchase of GOLD and INTEREST COUPONS, and the sale of INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS.
SEVEN-THIRTIES CONVERTED INTO FIVE-TWENTIES AT THE MOST FAVORABLE RATES.
JAY COOKE & CO.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE COUPONS OF
THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
DUE JAN. 1, 1868,
Will be paid on and after that date,
IN GOLD COIN,
Free of Government Tax,
At the Company's Office,
No. 20 Nassau-st.,
New-York.
JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LONDON TELEGRAPH.
INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TELEGRAPH (Cuba Line)
MERCHANTS' UNION EXPRESS COMPANY'S STOCK
for sale at market rates. Apply to
GEO. C. DONBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.,
Commission Broker in Express, Telegraph and Miscellaneous Securities.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD
COUPONS, of First Mortgage Bonds.
JOLIET AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COUPONS, of First Mortgage 8 per cent. Bonds.
DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COUPONS, of First Mortgage Bonds.
DUBUQUE SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD COUPONS, of First Mortgage Preferred Bonds.
DETROIT and MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COUPONS of First Funding Bonds.
DETROIT AND PONTIAC RAILROAD COUPONS, of First Mortgage Bonds.
CEDAR FALLS AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD
COUPONS, of First Mortgage Bonds
due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid at our office, No. 52 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the 2d proximo, less Government Tax. Also,
ST. LOUIS, ALTON AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COUPONS, of 10 per cent. Equipment Bonds, free of Government Tax.
M. K. JESUP & CO.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

JAMES W. TUCKER & CO.,
AMERICAN BANKERS,
PARIS.
For letters of credit apply to
Messrs. HOWES & MACY,
No. 30 Wall-st.

OFFICE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD OF CALIFORNIA.
The Seven per Cent. interest coupons (bonds of 1882) due Jan. 1, will be paid at the banking-house of Eugene Kelly & Co., No. 24 Nassau-st., New-York.
C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1867.
The annual election for Directors will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 14, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 51 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1867.
THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, prior to 1st of January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon and a statement of all claims for return of premium, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY CO., No. 57 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1867.
COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1868, FROM the following-named Bonds, will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1868, on presentation at this office, viz.:
C. and C. U. Railroad Co. Elgin and State Line Bonds.
C. and C. U. Railroad Co. Mississippi River Bridge Bonds.
Beloit and Madison Railroad Co. First Mortgage Bonds.
A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

OFFICE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 54 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.
THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad Company due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid in full in gold coin, on and after that date at the banking house of FISK & HATCH, Bankers and Financial Agents of the Central Pacific Railroad Company.
C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

OFFICE OF THE McDERMOTT PATENT BOLT MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
NOS. 33 AND 37 CANNON-ST., NEW-YORK.
NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, Jan. 9, 1868, from 1 to 3 P. M., for the purpose of electing Trustees for the ensuing year.
THOMAS J. OUTERBRIDGE, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, GENERAL OFFICE,
No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1867.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from this date until the morning of WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 1868.
By order of the Board of Managers.
A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

PORTAGE LAKE AND LAKE SUPERIOR SHIP CANAL CO., OFFICE No. 229 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1867.
THE SEMI-ANNUAL COUPONS ON THE ten per cent. Land Grant, First and only Mortgage Bonds of this Company, will be paid at the Ocean National Bank on and after Jan. 1, 1868.
H. S. WELLES, Secretary.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1867.
NOTICE—JERSEY-CITY COUPON BONDS—The coupons on 6 and 7 per cent. Jersey City coupon bonds due Jan 1, 1868, are payable on presentation at the second National Bank of Jersey City and Fourth National Bank of New-York.
T. R. BENWELL, Comptroller.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 28, 1867.
THE INTEREST ON THE MORTGAGE bonds of the MONTGOMERY AND WEST POINT RAILROAD COMPANY, payable in the City of New-York on the 1st day of January next, will be paid at the National Bank of the Republic.
CHARLES T. POLLARD, President.

OFFICE OF CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY.
NOTICE.—THE COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1868, on the Special Mortgage Bonds of this Company, issued to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, will be paid at the Ocean National Bank of New-York City.
GEO. B. ELY, Treasurer.

OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS SLEEPING-COACH COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at the office of the Company in this City, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 1868, at 11 A. M.
H. C. BARR, Secretary.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN directors will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
R. BUCK, Cashier.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, Dec. 10, 1867.
SCHEDULES OF (30) THIRTY OR MORE Scoupons, due on the 1st of January, 1868, will now be received for examination at the United States Treasury.
H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at their Banking-room, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1867.

NOTICE.—THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST mortgage 8 per cent. bonds of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid on and after that date at the banking house of SOUTTER & CO.,
No. 53 William-st.

THE COUPONS OF THE SACRAMENTO Valley Railroad Company's bonds, due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid at the banking-house of EUGENE KELLY & CO., No. 24 Nassau-st.
C. P. HUNTINGTON, Agent and Attorney.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1868.

THE MORTGAGE COUPONS OF THE Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, will be paid on and after Jan. 2, at the Ocean National Bank.
GEO. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN BONDS, 7 per cent.—A limited number of laborer bonds for sale; the net income is now eight times the amount of interest on the bonds out. H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President, No. 45 Wall-st.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK.—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 14, 1868, Polls open from 2 to 3 o'clock P. M.
LEWIS S. BENWELL, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

NOW READY:
COWLE'S CALENDAR
AND
TIME TABLE
FOR
1868.

A Daily Calendar, with a Table for Facilitating Calculations in Interest, Average, Maturity of Notes, Bills, &c., showing on each day of the year the number of days to any other day prior or subsequent, within a period of twelve months.

EXAMPLES:

First.—Suppose on Jan. 2 it be required to ascertain the number of days to the maturity of a quantity of notes falling due on a hundred or more different dates; On the Calendar page, Jan. 2, THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO ALL THESE DIFFERENT DATES ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE ONE TABLE UNDERNEATH. For instance: Jan. 2 to Feb. 8 (in the *first* column to the right of date, Feb. 8, we find) —37 days. To March 11—69 days. To May 6—125 days. To June 25—170 days: and so on.

Second.—Suppose it be required, on Jan. 1, to make up the interest on an account containing fifty or more charges under different dates, extending back six, nine or twelve months: On the one page, Jan. 1, WILL BE FOUND THE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM ALL THESE DIFFERENT DATES TO JAN. 1. For instance: March 12 to Jan. 1, (in the *second* column to the right of the date, March 12, in the table, we find)—295 days. April 14 to Jan. 1—262 days. June 19 to Jan. 1—196 days; and so on.

PRICE, $2 50.
Will be mailed, post paid, on receipt of price.
JOHN F. TROW & CO.,
No. 50 Greene-st., New-York.

VERMILYE & CO.,
NO. 44 WALL-ST.,
BANKERS AND DEALERS
IN
GOVERNMENT STOCKS
AND
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES
WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO
FUNDING 7.30 TREASURY LOANS.
All series taken in exchange for 5-20 BONDS. Returns made to correspondents without delay, and on favorable terms.

CLOSING PRICES.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30—3 P. M.

	Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.
Registered '81	106¾	106¾	10-40 Cou	101½	102
Coupon, 1881	112¾	112¾	Gold	138¾	139¾
5-20 Regist'd '62	105¾	105¾	June '65, do	104¾	104¾
5-20 Coupon, '62	105¾	106¼	July, '65, do	104¾	104¾
5-20 Coupon, '64	105¾	105¾	May, comp'ds, '65	117½	117¾
5-20 Coupon, '65	105¾	105¾	Aug., comp'ds, '65	116¾	116¾
5-20 C. '65 Jan & July	108¾	108¾	Sept., comp'ds, '65	116	116¼
5-20 Coupon, '67	108¾	108¾	Oct., comp'ds, '65	115¾	116
10-40 Reg	101¾	102	U. S. 3 ¥ c. Cer.	100¾	100¾

ALL CLASSES OF UNITED STATES FUNDS
Credited or Remitted for on Receipt, at Market Rates, FREE OF ALL COMMISSION CHARGES

HATCH, FOOTE & Co.
BANKERS
AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, STOCKS,
&c.
Buy and Sell all issues of
U. S. BONDS
at MARKET RATES, and EXCHANGE
7-30 Notes, Dec. 30, 1867, as follows:
For JUNE NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, January Coupons off, and pay $2 77 DIFFERENCE.
For JULY NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, January Coupons off, and pay $33 37 DIFFERENCE.
On EACH $1,000.
No. 12 Wall-st., New-York.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
No. 236 Broadway, Dec. 30, 1867.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT to charter, that the seventh installment of $15 on each share of stock in the National Trust Company, is due on the 10th day of January next. Subscribers will please call at the office of the Company and pay their installment, and also bring with them the original receipt for first installment, in order that this payment may be receipted thereon.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1867.
IN PURSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS OF the Secretary of the Treasury, notice is hereby given that on and after Jan. 2, 1868, bonds of the Loan of 1847 (act Jan. 28, 1847,) will be redeemed at this office on presentation of Certificates.
The latter must be assigned to "The Secretary of the Treasury for redemption," and indorsed by the party to whom payment is required to be made.
Where such assignments are executed in a representative or fiduciary capacity, the evidence of authority to make the assignment must accompany the certificates.
Should that evidence be already filed with the Department, the date of its transmission, and the bureau in which it was lodged, should be stated.
Certificates presented should be listed in a schedule, in which the numbers, denominations, names of payees, and other data above required, should be set forth.
H. H. VAN DYCK, Asst. Treas.

OFFICE COLUMBUS AND INDIANAPOLIS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY,
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1867.
THE COUPONS OF THE BONDS OF THE Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railway Company, due 1st prox., will be paid at the St. Nicholas National Bank, No. 7 Wall-st., on and after 2d January, 1868.
E. SMITH, President.

SEVENTH WARD NATIONAL BANK—NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1867.—The annual election for Directors of this bank will be held at its banking-house, No. 334 Pearl-st., on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
G. MONTAGUE, Cashier.

SCIOTO COUNTY COUPONS, DUE JAN. 1, 1868, will be paid at the National Currency Bank, No. 2 Wall-st.

DIVIDENDS.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, COR. 4TH-AV. & 26TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a Dividend of Four per cent. on the preferred and common stock, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next, at this office. The transfer-books will be closed at 2 P. M., December 23, 1867, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 6th day of January, 1868. C. VANDERBILT, Jr., Treasurer.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PERCENT. out of the earnings of the past six months has this day been declared, free of all tax, payable to the stockholders of this Bank on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer-books will be closed until that date.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

NORWICH AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY,
Dec. 19, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have declared a dividend of three per cent., payable on the 16th or January next, at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company's office, New-York. Transfer-books will be closed from the 2d to the 16th prox.
G. L. PERKINS, Treasurer.

HANOVER NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, free of Government tax, payable on the second day of January next.
The transfer-books will be closed until that day.
JOHN T. BANKER, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 383 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 2d of January next.
The transfer books will be closed from this date to Jan. 2, 1868.
JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five Per Cent. from the earnings of the current six months, free of all tax, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until the day of payment.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of five (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868, until which date the transfer book will be closed.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT. from the earnings of the current six months, free of all tax, will be paid to the stockholders on the 2d January, 1868. The transfer books will remain closed until the 2d prox.
JOHN L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF SIX (6) PER CENT., free from Government tax, will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

BULLION CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY, OF COLORADO.—A dividend has been declared payable Jan. 1, 1868, to stockholders of that date. Payable in Boston at the office of the Company, No. 19 Lindall-st., and in New-York at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.
J. P. WHITNEY, Treasurer.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK.—DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free from Government tax, has been declared on the capital stock of this Bank, payable on and after Jan. 6.
H. P. VAIL, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES WAREHOUSE COMPANY, No. 6 State-st., New-York, Dec. 16, 1867.—The Trustees have this day declared a Dividend of Four Per cent., payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
LEA & KINGMAN, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R. CO., OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4, 1867.
DIVIDEND NO. 16.—THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent. (2½,) free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, and the semi-annual dividend of three and one-half (3½) per cent., less Government tax, on the Third Mortgage Bonds, payable on and after THURSDAY, 16th day of January, 1868, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburgh.
The transfer books will close on Saturday, 28th inst., at 2 P. M., and reopen on Friday, Jan. 17, 1868.
By order of the Board,
F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1867.
NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND ONE-HALF (3½) PER CENT., free of the Government tax, has been declared, payable to the stockholders of this Company, and to the stockholders of the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Company, on the 2d day of January next; to the stockholders registered in New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York; and to the stockholders registered in Cleveland at the office of the Treasurer, by check on New-York or funds current in Cleveland, as the stockholders may respectively elect at the time of receiving their dividend. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from 3 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, the 21st inst., until the 3d day of January next.
GEO. B. ELY, Treasurer.

GENERAL OFFICES ERIE RAILWAY CO.,
No. 187 WEST-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE ERIE Railway Company have declared a dividend on the Preferred stock, from the earnings of the road for the year 1867, of seven per cent., payable, less the Government tax, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January next, at the Treasurer's office, Erie-place, to the registered holders of stock at the closing of the books.
The transfer books of the Preferred stock will close on FRIDAY, the 6th inst., and reopen on the 7th of January, 1868. By order of the Board,
HORATIO N. OTIS, Secretary.

OFFICE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, HARTFORD, Dec. 19, 1867.
NOTICE.—A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF Three Dollars, free of Government tax, has been declared on each share of stock standing on the books the 26th day of December instant, by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on THURSDAY, Jan. 2, 1868. Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 26th day of December to reopen the 3d of January.
S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—At a meeting of the Directors held this day, it was
Voted, That a dividend of five dollars per share, free of Government tax, be and the same is hereby declared payable on the 1st day of January next, to holders of stock at the close of business on the 24th inst. Payment to be made to stockholders registered in the City of New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in said City; and to all others, at the office of the Treasurer, in the City of Boston.
Voted, That the transfer books of the Company be closed from the 24th inst. until the 1st of January next.
ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.
BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1867.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND ONE-HALF (3½) per cent., free from United States Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Company, or to their legal representatives, on the 2d day of January next, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York. The transfer books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., Saturday, 21st December instant, and reopened on the morning of Friday, 3d January, 1868.
WM. F. STAUNTON, Secretary.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SIX (6) per cent., has been this day declared, free of all tax, out of the profits of the last six months, payable on and after Jan. 2. An extra dividend of two and 67-100 per cent. free of Government tax, has also been declared, to pay the taxes levied by the City and County against the shareholders of the Bank. The transfer-book will remain closed from the 24th inst. to Jan. 2, inclusive. By order of the Board.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,
TONTINE BUILDINGS, No. 88 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.
FORTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD of Directors have THIS DAY declared a dividend of Six (6) Per Cent. out of the earnings of the road for the three months ending Six inst., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 6th of January next.
Transfer-books will be closed on the afternoon of the 26th inst., and reopened on the morning of the 8th prox.
HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

ROME, WATERTOWN AND OGDENSBURGH RAILROAD, VICE-PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, No. 10 PINE-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., payable, free of tax, on and after the 15th January next. Transfer-books will be closed from the 25th inst. till the date of payment. Dividends on stock registered in New-York will be paid at the Mercantile Bank.
J. A. LAWYOR, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of five per cent. in cash, free of Government tax, to be paid on the first day of February next, to the holders of the full-paid shares registered upon the books of the Company on the 18th day of January inst. The transfer-books to be closed from the 18th day of January until the 5th day of February next. THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, CORNER OF WILLIAM-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable, free of Government tax, on the 6th of January, to the stockholders on the closing of the books on the 31st inst.
The books will open on the 6th January.
GEO. F. FITCH, Secretary.

BANK OF AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS of the Bank of America have this day declared a Dividend of Five per cent. for the current six months, free of all tax, payable to the stockholders on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer books will remain closed from this day until the morning of SATURDAY, Jan. 4, 1868.
WM. A. WENDELKEN, Cashier.

TREASURER'S OFFICE NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, CORNER OF 27TH-AV. AND 27TH-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. from the earnings of the past six months on the capital stock of the Company (free of Government tax) has been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer-books will be closed from and after 3 o'clock P. M. Dec. 17 to the opening of business on Jan. 2, 1868.
JOHN T. SHELTON, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE Metropolitan National Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Six (6) per Cent., free of all tax, payable on the first Monday of January next.
The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 10, 1868.
GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT., free from Government tax, is declared payable Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer books close Dec. 24, P. M., and open Jan. 3
B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer book will be closed until that date.
WM. H. COX, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a dividend of Four per Cent., free of taxes, payable Jan. 2, 1868. Transfer books will be closed from this date to Jan. 2.
A. MASTERTON, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on and after 2d January next. The transfer-books will be closed until the 5th January, 1868.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
Dec. 20, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five (5) per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank on and after the 2d day of January next, until which day the transfer-books will be closed.
GEO. J. N. ZABRISKIE, Ass't Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 25 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS TENTH NATIONAL BANK have this day declared the regular semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) per cent., free from tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 2, 1868.
J. STOUT, Cashier.

MACON AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY,
MACON, GA., Dec. 18, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after 20th of January next, at the National

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR:
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
RUSSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 25.
AFRICA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 1.
ASIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 8.
CUBA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 15.
PERSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday Dec 22.
CHINA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 29.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$150
Second Cabin Passage.....80
FROM NEW-YORK TO PARIS
Chief Cabin Passage.....$165
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$125
Second Cabin Passage.....70
Payable in Gold.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bill of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
NAPOLEON III....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Jan. 11
PEREIRE.....DIECHE.....SATURDAY Jan. 25
VILLE DE PARIS.NORMONT.....SATURDAY, Feb. 8
ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,)
TO BREST OR HAVRE,
First cabin, $160; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS,
including railway tickets, furnished on board,
First cabin, $165; second cabin, $88.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary risks from transit by English railways and crossing the channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway

CUNARD LINE OF EXTRA STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY
SIDON.....Jan. 8
TRIPOLI.....Jan. 15
RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$25 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For Freight and Cabin Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
For Steerage Passage, appy at No. 69 Broadway.
E. CUNARD.

NEW-YORK & BREMEN STEAMSHIP CO.

THE CHEAPEST LINE.
Steamships ATLANTIC, BALTIC and WESTERN METROPOLIS,
FOR SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE AND BREMEN.
First cabin $110; second cabin $65; steerage $35, Gold.
The regular trips being discontinued during the Winter months, extra descents will be advertised.
For freight, expressage, bills of exchange or passage apply to ISAAC TAYLOR, President, 40 Broadway.

THE NATIONAL LINE.
Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY
BELVETIA, CUTTING.....SATURDAY, Jan. 4
DENMARK, THOMSON.....SATURDAY, Jan. 11
ERIN, FORBES.....SATURDAY, Jan. 18
PENNSYLVANIA, LEWIS.....SATURDAY, Jan. 25
Cabin passage, payable in currency, $100.
Steerage passage to Liverpool or Queenstown, $25 in currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 in currency.
For further particulars apply at the office of the Company, Nos. 57 and 27 Broadway, or No. 73 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.
Passage to London direct, $110, $75 and $30 currency.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six months.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINEHAM, from New-York, Jan. 1.
HELLOVA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Jan. 15.
YORK, Capt. BRIDGE, from New-York, Jan. 25.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Feb. 8.
The elegant British iron steamship ATALANTA will leave Pier No. 8, North River, for London direct, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1, at 9 A. M.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 84 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAM-SHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are intended to sail regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz.:
MANHATTAN, MINNESOTA,
CHICAGO, NEBRASKA,
with other first-class steamers building. To sail:
CHICAGO.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1
NEBRASKA.....WEDNESDAY Jan. 8
MANHATTAN.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15
From Pier No. 37 East River.
Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer,) $80, gold; return tickets, $120, gold; in steerage, $25, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms. For freight or passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL — CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the British and United States Mail
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY...Jan. 4
CITY OF WASHINGTON.....SATURDAY...Jan. 11
CITY OF COBK, (via Halifax.).....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY...Jan. 18
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....SATURDAY...Jan. 25
ETNA (via Halifax).....TUESDAY...Jan. 28
And each succeeding SATURDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
By the mail steamer sailing every Saturday.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30
To London.....105 | To London.....45
To Paris.....115 | To Paris.....45
Passage by the Tuesday steamer, first cabin, $90, gold; steerage, $30. Passage from United States Currency, $120. Passage from New-York to Halifax, Cabin, $30; steerage, $15—gold.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Those wishing to send for their friends from Liverpool or Queenstown, $40 currency. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.
For further information, apply at the Company's offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.
Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND DERRY.
IOWA, HEDDERWICK.....SATURDAY, Jan. 4.
BRITANNIA, LAIRD.....SATURDAY, Jan. 11.
HIBERNIA, MUNRO.....SATURDAY, Jan. 18.
Rates of passage, payable in currency:
To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry, cabins, $80 and $75, according to location.
Excursion tickets, good for twelve months, $160.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $25.
Prepaid certificates from these ports, $35.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre, &c., at very low rates.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.
JAMES MACDONALD & CO., Agents.
To avoid imposition, passengers will please come direct to the office, as this Company does not employ runners.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M. FROM PIER No. 4, NORTH RIVER.
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, Jan. 2.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. RICH. ADAMS, Jan. 9.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICE, Jan. 16.
For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. B. HARTSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. P. TIMMERMAN, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Feb. 23.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. HOWARD, March 23.
These elegant steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to
WM. H. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
The Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's steamer MORRO CASTLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, will sail for Havana, calling at Nassau, N. P., for mails and passengers, on THURSDAY, JAN. 2, 1868. For freight or passage apply to GEO. B. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling Green.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
EVERY THURSDAY.
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's side-wheel steamships
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. EATON, sails THURSDAY, Jan. 2.
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely.
Through passage tickets over the Central Railroad of Georgia, and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, to points in the interior, and by Florida steamers to points on the coast of Florida.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
The first-class steamships
ALABAMA, FAIRCHILD, leaves....TUESDAY, Dec. 31
UNITED STATES, CROWELL, leaves...SATURDAY, Jan. 4
MONTGOMERY, LYONS, leaves...SATURDAY, Jan. 11
At 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 26 West-st.
Through passage tickets given over the Central R. R. of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf R. R., Florida, to all points in the interior, at lower rates than any other line.

FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 P. M. Connecting with the seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and the Virginia and Tennessee Air Line, and their connections.
For freight or passage apply to
R. L. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—Regular line. Measurement goods 10c. per cubic foot, and lower than any other line. The fast and popular steamship SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, will be dispatched on SATURDAY, Jan. 4, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, foot of Wall-st.
Bills of lading issued to all points in the South and Southwest.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS—PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY—EVERY THURSDAY.
GENESEE, Capt. SEACKFORD, THURSDAY, Jan. 2.
J. SOUDER, Capt. LESNY, THURSDAY, Jan. 9.
From Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
For freight or passage apply to
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.
—U. States passports indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES, Passport Agent, 262 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon of the 1st, 11th, and 21st of every month, except when these dates fall on Sunday, then on Saturday preceding.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Dec. 31, ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION.
In time for Feb. 11, 1868, connects closely with steamer GREAT REPUBLIC, leaving San Francisco, March 5, for Japan and China.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY!
THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama or Nicaragua,
Will dispatch their new and splendid steamships from New-York, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot Warren-st., at noon, at lower rates than by any other line.
For passage and freight, over both routes, as follows:
VIA PANAMA.
JAN. 4, 1868—Steamship ARAGO, connecting with steamship AMERICA.
JAN. 24, 1868—Steamship SANTIAGO DE CUBA, connecting with steamship NEVADA.
FEB. 14, 1868—Steamship DAKOTA, connecting with steamship NEBRASKA.
VIA NICARAGUA.
JAN. 15, 1868—Steamship SAN FRANCISCO, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR.
FEB. 25, 1868—Steamship SAN FRANCISCO, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR.
These steamships are expressly fitted for this trade, and are unsurpassed for safety, speed, elegance and comfort, and their rates for passage and freight will ALWAYS BE LOWER THAN BY ANY OTHER LINE.
For further particulars address the undersigned at No. 177 West-street, New-York.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
CHAS. DANA, Vice-President.
No. 54 Exchange-place, New-York.

FOR CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY at 3 P. M., connecting with the Richmond and Danville, Virginia Central, and Petersburgh and Weldon Railroads.
For freight or passage apply to
N. L. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Persons purchasing tickets this month for steamer ARAGO, Jan. 4, can do so at the VERY LOW PRICE of $100 first cabin; $80 second cabin; $40 steerage, in currency, through to San Francisco, railroad fare and subsistence included.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD &c.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 4 P. M. Trains leave New-Haven at 11 P. M.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Nov. 15, 1867.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. the 11th of January, 1868, for the transportation of military supplies during the year commencing April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869, on the following routes:
ROUTE NO. 1.
From Fort Harker, Kansas, Fort Hays, Kansas, and any other points or posts that may be designated by the Chief Quartermaster Department of the Missouri, on the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to any places that may be designated by the shipping officer, in the State of Kansas and Territory of Colorado south of the 40 degrees North, and to Fort Union, New-Mexico, or other depot that may be designated in that Territory, and to any other points on the route to that depot.
ROUTE NO. 2.
From Fort Union, or such other depot as may be established in the Territory of New-Mexico, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in that Territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona, and in the State of Texas west of longitude 105 degrees.
ROUTE NO. 5.
From such point as may be designated on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Southwest Branch of Missouri Pacific Railroad, or the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, or such other point as may be established as the initial depot in that Territory.
The weight to be transported during the year will not exceed on route No. 2, 20,000 pounds; on Route No. 3, 8,000,000 pounds; and on Route No. 5, 2,000,000 pounds.
Proposals will be made for each route separately.
Bidders will state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport the stores in each month of the year, beginning April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869.
Bidders will give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, signed by responsible persons, legally executed and properly stamped, guaranteeing that in case a contract is awarded for the route mentioned in the proposal to the party proposing, the contract will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished by said party in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.
Each bidder must be present at the opening of the proposals, or be represented by his attorney.
The contractor will be required to give bonds in the following amounts:
On Route No. 2, $200,000.
On Route No. 3, $100,000.
On Route No. 5, $20,000.
Satisfactory evidence of the loyalty and solvency of each bidder and person offered as security will be required.
Proposals will be indorsed "Proposals for Army Transportation on Route No. "2" "3" or "5" as the case may be, *and none will be entertained unless they comply with the requirements of this advertisement.*
The party to whom an award is made must be prepared to execute the contract without unnecessary delay, and to give the required bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.
The right to reject any and all bids that may be offered is reserved.
The contractor on each route must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1868, and must have a place of business or agency at which he may be communicated with readily. For Route No. 2 at Fort Harker and such other point on the railroad as may be designated as the starting point of the route; for Route No. 3 at Fort Union, New-Mexico, or such other point as may be established as the depot, and for Route No. 5 at Leavenworth, Kansas.
Blank forms showing the conditions of the contract to be entered into on each route can be had upon application at this office, or at the office of the Quartermaster at New-York, Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Fort Leavenworth, Omaha, Denver, C. T., and Santa Fe, and must accompany and be a part of the proposals.
L. C. EASTON,
Deputy Quartermaster-General,
C. Q. M. Dep't of the Missouri.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.
HEADQUARTERS DEPT OF THE PLATTE,
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
OMAHA, Nebraska, Nov. 20, 1867.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. on THURSDAY, the 2d day of January, 1868, for the transportation of Military Supplies during the year commencing April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869, on ROUTE No. 1.
From Cheyenne, Dakotah, or such other points as may be determined upon during the year on the Omaha branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, west of Omaha, to such posts or depots as are now or may be established in the Territory of Montana, south of latitude 47 degrees; in the Territory of Dakotah, west of longitude 104 degrees; in the Territory of Idaho, east of longitude 114 degrees, and in the Territories of Utah and Colorado, north of latitude 40 degrees, including, if necessary, Denver City.
The weight to be transported during the year on Route No. 1 will not exceed twenty-five millions (25,000,000) pounds.
Bidders will state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport the stores in each month of the year, beginning April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869.
Bidders should give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal should be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, signed by responsible persons, legally executed and properly stamped, guaranteeing that in case a contract is awarded for the route mentioned in the proposal to the party proposing, the contract will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished by said party in accordance with the terms of this advertisement. Also, arranged so that tickets sold and baggage checked through at the office of Westcott's Express Company, No. 1 Park-place, Nos. 785 and 945 Broadway; Harlem Railroad Depot, 26th-st. and 4th-av.; Hudson River Railroad Depot, 29th-st. and 9th-av., New-York; No. 259 Washington-st., Brooklyn.
By purchasing tickets at any of these offices, baggage can be checked from residence to destination.
H. O. BRIGGS, General Manager.
GEO. W. TIERS, Agent.

FOR SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—The strong and commodious steamboat SEA BIRD, Capt. H. S. PARKER, will leave foot of Chambers-st. Fare reduced to 25 cents.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Thursday, Dec. 12, 8 A. M.	Friday, Dec. 13, 8 A. M.
Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:30 A. M.	Monday, Dec. 16, 8 A. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 12 M.	Wednesday, 18th, 10 A. M.
Thursday, Dec. 19, 1:30 P. M.	Friday, Dec. 20, 12 M.
Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 P. M	Monday, Dec. 23, 1:30 A. M.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD &c.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 4 P. M. Trains leave New-Haven at 11 P. M.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.
Leave James-slip:
9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M., Syosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M., Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Syosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Farmingdale and Hempstead, passenger train, and for North Islip SATURDAYS only.
Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point 9:15 A. M., arrives at Hunter's Point at 4:40 P. M. To take effect Nov. 4, 1867.
I. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

FEIPHER'S DAILY LINE OF TRANSPORTATION.
On and after Nov. 1, 1867, the Feiphers' Daily Line will receive and transport goods and merchandise to Harrisburgh and stations beyond, from the depot of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, Pier No. 26 North River. All goods received up to 4 o'clock P. M. will be forwarded the same day. Freight taken at lowest rates and forwarded with dispatch.
Mark goods "Via Feipher daily line to Harrisburgh, Penn."
J. B. MONTGOMERY,
Proprietor Feipher Line.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT Foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
8 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, to Port Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
6 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Boiling Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M. and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.
SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M. and 3:30 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all Night Trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway; depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York, and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. R. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—SPECIAL NOTICE.—Trains leaving New-York at 7 A. M., 12 M., and 4:45 P. M. daily, connect with trains leaving Sing Sing, Yonkers, Tarrytown and Poughkeepsie at 6:25 A. M., 8 A. M., 7:50 A. M. and 5:30 A. M. will not run on NEW-YEAR'S DAY, Jan. 1, 1868. On the above day the trains leaving New-York at 9:45 and 9:15 P. M. will make all stops between New-York and Yonkers, and the 6:45 P. M. train will run to Sing Sing, making all stops. Train leaving Peekskill at 6:35 A. M. will make all stops south of Yonkers, and that leaving at 6:20 A. M. from Poughkeepsie will stop at Cornwall Station and Fort Montgomery.
W. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for the North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Albany, Pittsfield, &c., and at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., and at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping-cars attached at Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also with sleeping-car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with express trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to intermediate stations, leaving stations leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:40.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 26th-st. at 9:15 A. M., arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12 M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOOT OF CORTLANDT-ST.—A DOUBLE-TRACK PASSENGER LINE SOUTH, under the charge of conductors. No change of cars for 758 miles; 48 miles saved to Chicago, 115 to Cincinnati, 380 to Mobile, 115 to St. Louis, 210 to Memphis, and 270 miles to New-Orleans. Four Through Trains daily; 8:40 A. M., 12 noon, 5 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. Sundays, 7:30 P. M. only.
ON AND AFTER MONDAY, DEC. 16, 1867.
7 A. M.—Philadelphia, (Walnut-st. wharf.)
8:40 A. M.—Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburgh without change of cars, connections at Pittsburgh and Baltimore for the West, and at Baltimore and Washington for the South.
10 A. M.—For West Philadelphia.
12 Noon.—For Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, connecting at Baltimore with Western lines, via Wheeling and Parkersburgh.
1 P. M.—Philadelphia Way, (Walnut-st. wharf.)
4 P. M.—Philadelphia, (Walnut-st. wharf.)
5 P. M.—Cincinnati Express for West Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Silver-palace cars run through to Cincinnati without change; but one change to St. Louis and Chicago.
6:30 P. M.—Daily for Philadelphia, (Kensington.)
7:30 P. M.—Daily for Baltimore and Washington without change, connecting at Pittsburgh (sleeping cars to Altoona) and Baltimore, with trains for the West, and at Wilmington, Del., and Washington for the South.
Tickets obtained and baggage checked at all hours of the day, at the Company's ticket office, foot of Cortlandt-st., and at Depot Jersey City; Market-st., Newark; Elizabeth, and at ticket offices and principal hotels in New-York.
F. W. JACKSON, General Superintendent.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 5:30 and 9:25 A. M., 1:22, 4:22, 5:23 and 6:32 P. M. The 5:30, 1:22 and 4:22 run to Monsey.
THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SURGICAL HOSPITAL FOR THE TREATment of stricture, varicocele, hemorrhoids, fistula, and the more obscure diseases of the pelvic viscera, under the exclusive control of EDWARD H. DIXON, M. D., Editor of the *Scalpel*. Office hours from 8 to 9, 1 to 3, and 7 to 8 evenings, at Doctor's residence, No. 42 8th-av.

NATURAL FLOWERS.—A SPLENDID ASsortment of bouquets and baskets of flowers for New-Year's at WM. FITZPATRICK'S, Florist, No. 1,213 Broadway, between 29th and 30th sts.

FOR SALE LOW—A LOT OF COUNTERS, Tables and shelving, suitable for a dry goods or clothing house. Apply at 102 and 102 Reade-st., up stairs.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

HOUSE WANTED.—A SMALL, PRIVATE family of adults wish to rent a liberal-sized house on or near Murray Hill, furnished or unfurnished, and for one or more years; it would be most carefully used. Address Box No. 3,509 Post-office.

STEAMBOATS.

BRISTOL LINE.
FOR
BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE,
VIA BRISTOL, R. I.,
FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.
The magnificent steamers BRISTOL, Capt. BRAYTON, and PROVIDENCE, Capt. SIMMONS, at 5 P. M. daily.
Only one hour and thirty minutes by rail from Bristol to Boston. Arriving in Boston in ample time to connect with Northern and Eastern trains.
Tickets sold and staterooms secured at the office, on Pier No. 40 North River, near foot of Canal-st. Also, tickets sold and baggage checked through at the office of Westcott's Express Company, No. 1 Park-place, Nos. 785 and 945 Broadway; Harlem Railroad Depot, 26th-st. and 4th-av.; Hudson River Railroad Depot, 29th-st. and 9th-av., New-York; No. 259 Washington-st., Brooklyn.
By purchasing tickets at any of these offices, baggage can be checked from residence to destination.
H. O. BRIGGS, General Manager.
GEO. W. TIERS, Agent.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Nov. 15, 1867.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. the 11th of January, 1868, for the transportation of military supplies during the year commencing April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869, on the following routes:
ROUTE NO. 1.
From Fort Harker, Kansas, Fort Hays, Kansas, and any other points or posts that may be designated by the Chief Quartermaster Department of the Missouri, on the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to any places that may be designated by the shipping officer, in the State of Kansas and Territory of Colorado south of the 40 degrees North, and to Fort Union, New-Mexico, or other depot that may be designated in that Territory, and to any other points on the route to that depot.
ROUTE NO. 2.
From Fort Union, or such other depot as may be established in the Territory of New-Mexico, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in that Territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona, and in the State of Texas west of longitude 105 degrees.
ROUTE NO. 5.
From such point as may be designated on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Southwest Branch of Missouri Pacific Railroad, or the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, or such other point as may be established as the initial depot in that Territory.
The weight to be transported during the year will not exceed on route No. 2, 20,000 pounds; on Route No. 3, 8,000,000 pounds; and on Route No. 5, 2,000,000 pounds.
Proposals will be made for each route separately.
Bidders will state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport the stores in each month of the year, beginning April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869.
Bidders will give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, duly executed by two or more responsible persons, in legal form and properly stamped, guaranteeing that in case the contract is awarded for the route mentioned in the proposal to the party proposing, it will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished by said party in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.
Each bidder must be present at the opening of the proposals, or represented by his attorney.
The contractor will be required to give bonds in the following amounts:
On Route No. 2, $200,000.
On Route No. 3, $100,000.
On Route No. 5, $20,000.
Satisfactory evidence of the loyalty and solvency of each bidder and person offered as security will be required.
Proposals must be indorsed, "Proposals for Army Transportation on Route No. 1," and none will be entertained unless they fully comply with the requirements of this advertisement.
The party to whom the award is made must be prepared to execute the contract at once, and to give the required bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.
The right to reject any and all bids that may be offered is reserved.
The contractor must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1868, and must be required to have a place of business or agency at which he may be communicated with promptly and readily, for Route No. 1 at Cheyenne, Dakotah, or at such point as may be indicated as the starting point on the route.
Blank forms, showing the conditions of the contract to be entered into can be had on application at this office, or at the office of the Quartermaster at New-York, Chicago, Denver, Fort Leavenworth, Santa Fe and Fort Sneeling, and must accompany and be a part of the proposals.
By order of the Quartermaster-General.
WM. MYERS, Brevet Brig.-Gen.,
Chief Quartermaster,
Department of the Platte.

IRON FOR THE NAVY.
PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. N.,
No. 29 BROADWAY, Dec. 30, 1867.
Proposals, sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Iron," will be received at this office until 1 P. M., the 7th proximo, for the following iron, which must be of the very best quality, delivered free of expense at the New-York navy-yard, and subject to the usual inspection thereat, to wit:
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.
83,989 pounds round iron, viz.: 6,998 pounds, 8-16 to ⅝ diameter, 12 to 12 feet long; 11,198 pounds, 11-16 diameter, 14 to 16 feet long; 40,662 pounds, 1 to 2⅜ diameter, 16 to 18 feet long; and 34,996 pounds, 3 to 6 diameter, 17 to 19 feet long.
25,994 pounds square iron, viz.: 4,332 pounds, ⅝ to ⅝ diameter, 10 to 12 feet long; and 21,662 pounds, ⅞ to 3½ diameter, 16 to 18 feet long.
Responsible security required for the prompt and faithful delivery of the iron, which must in each case conform with stipulations on the blank forms to be had at this office, which will give further particulars for bidders.
GEO. P. PLUNKETT,
Paymaster United States Navy.

ADVERTISING PANELS.—THE CENTRAL Park, North and East River Railroad Company will receive proposals at their office, corner of 10th-av. and 51st-st., for renting, with privilege of subletting, the advertising panels of their cars for the year 1868.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE
Pleasant house, partly furnished, 38x40 barn, 1¼ acres prettily laid out, 15 minutes' ride from depot at Hackensack, N. J.; time from City to house 1¼ hours. Would exchange for City house worth about $25,000 above 23d-st., paying cash for difference. Apply to
WM. L. TAYLOR, No. 17 Wall-st.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR SALE.—The subscribers will sell the farm lately occupied by Chauncey Delavan, deceased, situated in the town of East Fishkill, 4 miles from Fishkill Village, near the line of the Fishkill and Columbia Railroad. Said farm contains 145 acres in a fine state of cultivation, on which is a large two-story double house and fine outbuildings. The house is about 40 rods from the main road, with a lawn in front of it, with two reliable streams of water running through it. There are two good orchards on the premises. The place is a desirable one for a gentleman's residence, or for a practical farmer.
If not sold previous to Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1868, it will be sold at auction on that day at 1 o'clock P. M., on the premises.
For further particulars apply to
SAM'L A. HOYT,
LEWIS H. WHITE,
FISHKILL VILLAGE, Dec. 26, 1867. Execut

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Interesting Special Meeting—Vaccination in the Public Schools—Annual Report of the Finance Committee.

The Board of Education held its final session for the year at 5 o'clock last evening, President McLEAN in the chair.

A communication was received from the Mayor nominating ERASTUS LITTLEFIELD as Inspector, *vice* T. J. HALL, resigned. It was referred.

A communication was received from the officers of the Eclectic Medical Society in relation to vaccination in schools. The communication sets forth that at a meeting held by the Society, Dec. 18, resolutions were adopted to the effect that in their opinion no persons except the parents or guardians of children have the right to direct their vaccination, and that no one should be allowed to enter the schools and vaccinate children without the knowledge or consent of the parents or guardians; that the subject of obtaining pure vaccine virus, direct from the kine, is one of great importance, as matter thus obtained will prevent the spread of a variety of diseases, such as scrofula, &c., &c., which almost universally follows the use of impure matter, and that the Society recommend to the Board of Health that they establish a system for obtaining pure virus direct from the kine, and in such quantity as will supply every possible demand. Which was referred.

The Finance Committee submitted its annual report. The salaries and all claims and bills incurred, properly authorized, have been promptly met, and there will remain, after providing for all obligations of the Board and the sum of $50,000 appropriated per act of the Legislature of 9th April, 1867, "for the building and erection of a school for colored children," a balance of about $50,000. Included in the above estimated balance is the sum of $17,500, which was paid by the Broadway Bank on a forged account. The President, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Clerk of the Board were authorized to employ counsel, and they did employ JAMES T. BRADY and WM. E. CURTIS, Esqs., to take the matter to the courts, where it is now pending; during the controversy the City Chamberlain declines to give the Board credit for that amount. It is proper to add that the counsel are of opinion that the action of the bank is unwarranted and illegal, and that the decision of the courts will undoubtedly be in favor of this Board.

The receipts for the year amounted to $3,020,832 26; the expenditures to $2,762,969 96; leaving a balance to the credit of the Board, in the Chamberlain of $256,862 30; deducting from this various liabilities and appropriations amounting to $201,452 33, there remains a balance of the fund, subject to payments, &c., on the 31st instant, of $55,409 97.

The report was laid over and ordered to be printed.

A communication was received from CHAS. T. HARVEY, manager of the Patchin Railway Company, relative to the completion of the work in front of Grammar School No. 29. The communication relates that the workmen of this Company were forcibly driven out of the vault in front of this school building in Greenwich-street, while they were engaged in covering the same in a proper manner. It was proposed to change the stairway, and it was nearly completed, when the janitor, under the direction of the trustees, by threats of personal violence, caused the men to desist the finishing of the work, as above stated, and the men were not permitted to remove the *débris* from in front of the premises before named.

The communication further set forth that the Company believed that the construction of the railway would be entirely unobjectionable, and they therefore asked that the Board shall cause the work to be done under the charge of the superintendent of Buildings, and they will furnish the workmen and pay all expenses. It was referred to the Committee on Buildings. In connection with the above the trustees of School No. 29 sent in a communication, in which they desire to inform the Board that in July last a note was received from JAMES L. MILLER, giving permission to the West Side and Yonkers Patent railway Company to make an excavation in front of this school, the Company availed themselves of the privilege thus given them by putting down a "drain" and an engine, and they believed that the Company intended to put a boiler in to drive the said engine; that recently they had learned that Mr. MILLER had no right to give the permission before named to the Company, they therefore have put a stop to further encroachments by the Company, and to accommodate them, (the trustees,) the Company procured a warrant against them for disorderly conduct, of which charge they were afterward acquitted by Judge DOWLING; that the Company intend to proceed with the work notwithstanding. It was referred.

A communication was received from PETER COOPER, Chairman of the Citizens' Association, in relation to what amount will be required by the Board for the purposes of education for the year 1868. It was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee presented a report upon the subject of vaccination in the public schools. The report coincides with a recommendation for the adoption of the following resolutions;

Resolved, That this report be printed; and that the by-laws passed April 3, 1867, be amended so as to read as follows: Section —, no pupil shall be allowed to attend any school, nor shall any teacher be employed to teach same, unless such pupil or teacher has been vaccinated. Every principal of a school shall require satisfactory evidence of such vaccination as a requisite of a teacher's continuance, and of admission of a pupil or teacher, and the principal shall also enter in the registers of the schools the dates of the respective vaccination of the pupils and teachers. This was laid on the table.

A resolution was adopted confirming ERASTUS LITTLEFIELD as Inspector of the Sixth District, *vice* T. J. HALL resigned. A resolution to establish a colored primary school at No. 155 Stanton-street; which was adopted. Resolutions complimentary to the President, the retiring members, the clerks and reporters were adopted, and the Board of Education for the year 1867 adjourned *sine die*.

The Brooklyn Poisoning Case—Testimonial to Mr. Joel D. Price.

Mr. JOEL D. PRICE, the druggist, of Whitehall-street, to whom such painful suspicion attached during the late inquest over the bodies of the poisoned mother and child in Atlantic-street, Brooklyn, but who was honorably acquitted of all blame by the Coroner's Jury, has received the following letter of sympathy and esteem, which, it will be seen, is signed by many of our most respectable down-town merchants, to whom he is well known:

FROM THE FRIENDS OF JOEL D. PRICE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.

JOEL D. PRICE: It is with deep interest we have daily watched the unjust persecutions with which you have lately been obliged to contend (your lips, meanwhile, necessarily closed,) and we now congratulate you on its termination and your honorable acquittal. Be assured you have had, throughout, our heartfelt sympathy in your affliction, and that at no time have we entertained but one opinion of you, and that was of your unsullied innocence, and that your clear conscience has sustained you during this ordeal. In conclusion we tender you our kindest regards, and in this public manner testify our esteem, wishing you a peaceful and prosperous future. Yours, respectfully:

Thos. W. Griffin & Co., No. 5 Moore-street, New-York; Jennison & Tuttle, No. 10 Bridge-street, New-York; Henry C. Bobe, 12 Whitehall-street, New-York; George W. Smith, No. 672 Broadway, New-York; Walter H. Thomson, No. 14 Whitehall-street, New-York; John W. Moore, No. 15 Whitehall-street, New-York; H. W. Moore, No. 13 Whitehall-street, New-York; Wm. Bond, No. 13 Whitehall-street, New-York; J. A. Durkee, No. 13 Whitehall-street, New-York; John W. Stafford, New-York; Whitwell & Bruce, No. 11 Whitehall-street, New-York; Sprague & Favill, No. 12 Whitehall-street, New-York; Jesse C. Bowan, No. 36 Whitehall-street, New-York; Charles B. Leigh, No. 33 Pearl-street, New-York; Knapp & Baxter, Nos. 33 and 35 Bridge-street, New-York; H. Simonson, Nos. 33 and 35 Bridge-street, New-York; W. D. Mangan, Nos. 92 and 94 Broad-street, New-York; Dan Swift, No. 90 Broad-street, New-York; Darling, Albertson & Rose, No. 33 Pearl-street, New-York; John Lowe, No. 35 Pearl-street, New-York; Benj. F. ——, Dominick-street, New-York; L. Simmons, No. 12 Bridge-street, New-York; Thos. A. Brown, No. 7 Water-street, New-York; H. D. Wallbridge, No. 12 Bridge-street, New-York; Charles F. Hosmer, No. 36 Whitehall-street, New-York; S. Hopkins, No. 93 President-street, Brooklyn; H. G. Thomson, No. 6 Whitehall-street, New-York; Hind, Naumann & Murphy, No. 81 Barclay-street, New-York; A. S. Allen, No. 81 Barclay-street, New-York; Thos. W. Mann, No. 63 West Ballic-street, Brooklyn.

LETTER FROM MR. PRICE.

NOS. 6 AND 8 WHITEHALL-STREET, }
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867. }

Messrs. Thomas W. Griffin & Co., Jennison & Tuttle, and others:

GENTLEMEN: Your letter of congratulation, sympathy and regard is before me. For this voluntary expression of esteem and friendship I thank you most kindly. Like the rain upon the parched earth, it gives fresh life to the blooming of hope in the heart. Through a series of unfortunate events during the past few years, culminating in the recent investigation as to the cause of the melancholy deaths in Atlantic-street Brooklyn, my name has been given an unenviable publicity. Throughout all I have been silent, hoping that in legal investigation I might be yet permitted to conclusively show the falsity of every accusation made against me, and the malicious motives actuating those making them. It requires, I find, considerable fortitude to silently bear with unceasing persecution, but a clear conscience has ever sustained me. The inquisition before the Coroner having finally terminated in my acquittal by the jury, I had felt it but just to my family and friends, as well as myself, to state a few truths, and ask the Press to give them as much prominence as had been already given the wicked falsehoods. I will state them herein, it being your wish that this letter be published. I married ELLEN AUGUSTA TOFFY with the purest and deepest feelings that move the heart. As her husband I ever treated her with kindness, under even the most aggravating circumstances, and bestowed upon her a liberality beyond my pecuniary ability. From sad experience, I was not the least surprised at her statement before the jury; indeed, should not have been surprised at anything. That statement I unhesitatingly pronounce full of the grossest falsities, and incapable of being so proven in any court of law. Her repeated threats to be the means of my pecuniary ruin, loss of good name and final death, seem in process of rapid fulfillment. May God forgive her for what she has already wrought. My relations with deceased were strictly honorable. I believed her a good woman, needing and deserving at my hands assistance and protection from the persecutions of my wife; and, knowing her to be a most important witness in disproving charges made by my wife in a cross-suit now pending at law between us, I felt an additional solicitude for her mental and bodily health and strength, and ever cared for her as I would an honorable man should for my sister under similar circumstances. From these attentions, erroneously construed, arose the suspicion that involved me in this sad affair.

Again, gentlemen, sincerely thanking you for this expression of esteem, I remain

Yours, respectfully, JOEL D. PRICE.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board of Councilmen met at 2 o'clock P. M., yesterday, Mr. BRINCKMAN in the chair.

The tavern and excise ordinance, which gives the power of granting licenses for the sale of liquors to the Mayor, was called up.

Mr. STEPHEN ROBERTS said that this was evidently a job to put counsel fees into somebody's pocket. The Court of Appeals had already decided that the Excise Commissioners are acting under a law which is valid and constitutional. No possible good could result from agitating the question anew.

Messrs. STACOM and FLYNN denied that there was any such intent as Mr. ROBERTS asserted, in passing this ordinance. It was framed on the old ordinances which existed under the Dongan charter.

Mr. THOMAS MURRAY said the Excise Commissioners were carrying out the law in a most objectionable manner. They wrung from those who took out licenses all their earnings, and frequently cancelled the licenses and ruined the holders or them on the most trivial pretences.

Mr. GILMORE objected to the ordinance.

The ordinance was finally concurred in by a vote of 14 to 9.

Resolutions to pave with Nicholson pavement the following streets and places were concurred in: Rector-street, Washington-place, Murray-street, Newstreet, Liberty-street, Bridge-street, Pearl-street from Wall-street to Hanover-square; Twenty-fourth-street from Broadway to the Sixth-avenue.

The Mayor's communication, with the resolution from the other Board, calling on the State and City to protect naturalized citizens abroad, was called up.

Mr. W. B. ROBERTS said it was high time some action should be taken in this matter. This country invited foreigners over here, and conferred on them the rights of citizens. Surely, it is only proper that when those rights are menaced the country should defend them. Thousands of foreigners arrive here every year, take the oath of citizenship, and assume all the duties and responsibilities of citizens, yet the Government declines to interfere when the lives or liberties or such persons are in danger. This was unfair, and could tend only to bring the Government and country into disrepute.

Mr. FLYNN said it was unnecessary to make a long argument on the question, as he had no doubt the Board held the same opinions as Mr. ROBERTS.

The resolution was then concurred in.

The Board adjourned to Thursday next, at 2 P. M.

Board of Supervisors.

This Board met at noon yesterday, Mr. SMITH in the chair.

Resolutions to pay the widow of CONRAD SWACKHAMER, late Deputy Tax Commissioner, his salary for the month of November, to pay the clerks and messengers in the Mayor's office from $250 to $500 each, for extra services, were adopted.

The bills of Messrs. SEYMOUR & RAE, for printing and stationery for the county offices, amounting to over $16,000, were ordered to be paid.

The Board then adjourned to this afternoon.

Meeting of Liquor-Dealers—A New Excise Law Proposed.

Yesterday a Committee of Liquor-Dealers and Brewers held a meeting at the Astor House, with a view of conferring with members elect of the Legislature on the working of the Excise law. Among the members of the Legislature present were Senators Tweed, Norton, Murphy, Bradley and Creamer, and Assemblymen Col. Murphy, Johnston, Freer, James Reilly, Bergen, Andrews, Jacobs, Smith and others.

PHILIP W. ENGS occupied the chair. He explained the objects of the meeting, and was followed by Mr. JOHN H. WILLIAM, who advocated a total repeal of the present Excise law.

Mr. JOHN MCKEON, counsel for the liquor-dealers, in referring to the law said he believed the nineteenth and twentieth sections to be unconstitutional, and he had applied to Judge CARDOZA to get out injunctions. He then read a bill which he had prepared to be submitted to the Legislature, which provides that the Mayor of the City of New-York shall have power to grant licenses annually to all tavern-keepers, innkeepers, victualers, keepers of restaurants, and all public sellers of wines, strong waters, ciders, beer, or any sort of intoxicating beverages or liquors, by retail, and prescribes the manner in which licenses may be obtained, and fines for violating the law shall be collected and appropriated to City uses.

In answer to a question by Mr. JACOBS, why Kings County was not taken into consideration, Mr. MCKEON said he left the charter for that county as different. In New York the people wanted to stand on their chartered rights, and, by including Brooklyn, he thought he would have done wrong.

Col. MURPHY moved that the bill be referred to the Joint Committee from New-York and Brooklyn.

Mr. TWEED offered an amendment that the matter be referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the Chairman.

Mr. JACOBS asked what was the meaning of the twelfth section of the act, in which it was stated that persons now having license need not take out any until their present licenses expired. That, he said, would be requiring parties in Brooklyn to take out licenses from the Mayor of New-York, which would be simply ridiculous.

Mr. MCKEON explained that this was done to permit all persons now having licenses and had paid $250 should hold on and so be carried over till May, June or July.

Mr. ENGS hoped that something would be done for Brooklyn, and he thought that a section might be added in relation to that city.

After some further discussion the amendment was passed, and the original resolution further amended so as to refer the bill to the joint delegation from the Metropolitan Police District.

By request of Mr. CREAMER, the liquor-dealers retired to room No. 20, so as to leave the matter in the hands of the representatives of the people.

The legislators then appointed a committee of seven to confer with the committee of seven of the liquor-dealers, and the meeting adjourned till Thursday at 3 P. M.

Important Revenue Seizure by Collector Wood.

Mr. E. T. WOOD, the newly-appointed Collector of the Third District, Brooklyn, has already commenced his raids upon the illicit distilleries of his District. Yesterday he directed the seizure of a large place in Hudson-avenue, said to have defied all the detective force of the Revenue Department for two months past. Deputy TINNEY, at the head of a small force, entered the place and found 14 hogsheads of molasses just being deposited in mash, entirely oblivious of the legal tax and license. The men operating the still "made tracks," but soon returned with a crowd of two hundred men and women, who commenced a brutal assault upon Deputy TINNEY and his men, for the avowed purpose of regaining possession of the distillery and removing it. Word was sent to the Marshal's office, and soon Marshal HIGGINS appeared on the ground with reinforcements, but not until Mr. TINNEY had been brutally struck with a bludgeon; Inspector BERRY prostrated with a slung-shot; Deputy REYNOLDS half killed by the mob, and the keepers likewise badly handled. All the wounded were conveyed to the nearest drug-store, where their wounds were dressed, after which they were removed to their homes. The still was then razeed by the officers. A reward will, no doubt, be offered by the Government for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

The Steam Towboat Boiler Explosion.

The Coroner's inquest on the body of SAMUEL CHAMBERLIN, fireman, who lost his life by the explosion of the boiler on board the steam towboat *Unit*, on Tuesday a week ago, while lying at the Scranton Dock, in Jersey City, was concluded before Coroner LANE last evening.

WM. MCCANN, a practical boiler-maker, testified that he had examined the wrecked boat which was raised yesterday, and found the boiler literally blown to fragments, and was unable to say what had caused the explosion. From what he could see, he was of opinion that the boiler was well braced.

There being no further evidence to offer, the case was given to the jury, who rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by the explosion of the boiler on board the towboat *Unit* from some unknown cause.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

FIRES.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the liquor-store No. 485 Washington-street, occupied by JOHN ATWILL. Both Nos. 485 and 487 were considerably damaged. Mr. ATWILL also occupies the upper floors as a lodging-house. His loss on furniture is $5,000, insured for $2,500, and he had $1,400 in greenbacks and a gold watch burnt up. No. 481 is occupied by DANIEL KELLY as a lodging-house, and sustained a loss of $500, insured. Nos. 483 and 487 were unoccupied, and were damaged to the extent of $2,000. No. 489 is occupied by the American Soap Company, who sustain a loss of $300. All of these buildings belong to the Stewart estate, and are insured. THOMAS MCCARTHY, of Engine Company No. 24, was injured by falling from a ladder.

INTERNAL REVENUE AFFAIRS.—No seizures were reported by the inspectors yesterday. Mr. SHOOK's office in Cedar-street, was well filled during business hours with persons desirous of settling up their monthly tax accounts. It is said no further steps will be taken in the matter of the domestic wine cases till some definite instructions are received by officials now in Washington.

ARREST OF A DEFAULTER.—RUDOLPH NEWVILLE, aged 25, a clerk, was yesterday brought to this City by Detectives VAUGHN and IRVING, of the Central Office, on a charge of being a defaulter. It appears that NEWVILLE was the agent at Newark, N. J., for the Germania Fire Insurance Company, No. 175 Broadway, and some weeks ago absconded with a considerable amount of the funds intrusted to his care, being accompanied in his flight by a woman. Mr. RUDOLPH CARMIERUX, President of the Company, made a complaint to Mr. JOHN A. KENNEDY, who dispatched the above-named detectives to attend to the case. After a long and tedious pursuit through the Western States they succeeded in catching the fugitive at Springfield, Ill., and brought him back to this City. The accused was yesterday afternoon taken over to New-Jersey for trial. It is alleged that he had engaged in several confidence operations before he absconded.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—Gen. C. H. Potter, of the United States Army; Hon. W. M. Garrsher, of Washington; Hon. S. D. Corvell, of Buffalo; Gen. W. G. Ely, of the United States Army; Hon. G. Higgins, of Montana, and Hon. W. L. Avery, of Guilford, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Gen. G. W. McCook, of Ohio; Hon. G. F. Comstock, of Syracuse, and Gen. Forsyth, of the United States Army, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Commissioner Bollins, of New-Hampshire, and Hon. J. F. Stokes, of Washington, are at the Astor House. Hon. Chester Griswold, of Troy, is at the New-York Hotel. Gen. F. Danley, of Ohio; Hon. C. H. Sherrill, of Washington, and Hon. Asa Faulkner, of Tennessee, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

THE STATE OF NEW-YORK BANK ROBBERY.—The messenger of the Bank of the State of New-York, who was robbed of $3,600,000 in checks and cash on the 13th inst., was yesterday confronted with THOMAS MCKEON, WASHINGTON GOODEY and his brother EDWARD, who were arrested on Saturday on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery. The messenger could not positively identify any of the men, though he thought they looked very like the thieves. EDWARD GOODEY, who fired at the officers making the arrest, will be held on that charge. The others are detained for the present.

SKATING.—The cold weather has placed nearly all the ponds in good condition for skating, and yesterday they were visited by large numbers of people. There has been very little good skating yet, and the proprietors of ponds are looking eagerly for extreme cold weather.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY AT THE CITY HALL.—Mayor HOFFMAN will receive his friends in the Governor's Room, City Hall, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M., on New-Year's Day. The newly-elected Sheriff and County Clerk will also receive callers at their respective offices in the City Hall.

RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE.—The United States steamer *Susquehanna*, having been declared free of contagion, and released from quarantine, came up to the City yesterday afternoon, and anchored in the North River.

TAMMANY GENERAL COMMITTEE.—Last evening the Tammany General Committee met at their temporary headquarters in Thirteenth-street, and appointed inspectors for the primary elections which take place this evening.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The final meeting of the Board of Aldermen of 1867 was held yesterday afternoon. Alderman ARMFIELD offered an ordinance imposing a fine on the city Railroad Companies for throwing salt on the railroad tracks. It was referred to the Railroad Committee. Resolutions to appoint a committee to receive donations and cooperate with existing charitable associations for providing food for the many people out of employment, and giving the use of rooms in the basement of the City Hall for soup-house and other necessary purposes, were offered by Alderman O'KEEFFE. After considerable discussion the resolutions were laid upon the table for two weeks. Resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing the appreciation felt by the Board of the official acts and lofty integrity of Mayor BOOTH, and action was taken to present a suitable testimonial to the Mayor. The Williamsburgh and Greenpoint Railroad Company was authorized to lay a new track along Grand-street, between First and Fifth streets, the track already laid there being occupied by the Grand-street Railroad Company. After passing a large number of bills and transacting other business the Board adjourned.

KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The last meeting of the Board for the year 1867 was held yesterday. A letter was read from Mr. G. W. VALENTINE, tendering his resignation as engineer of the County Court-house, which was accepted. A vote of thanks to Mr. VALENTINE was unanimously carried. Mr. JOB FERM was appointed to fill the vacancy. A communication from the County Judge was read, asking to have JAS. E. DUFFY appointed an officer in the County Court, which was done. The salary of J. J. SCOTT, Superintendent of the Poor, was fixed at $1,200 per annum. The annual report of the Storekeeper and the Keeper of the Penitentiary was submitted and ordered to be filed. Votes of thanks were tendered to the President, Clerk and Messenger of the Board. The annual meeting was fixed for Friday, the 3d of January. A report in reference to alleged mismanagement of the Superintendents of the Poor, or their officers, in the distribution of the moneys under their charge, was ordered on file. A resolution directing that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject was adopted, and the Board adjourned.

DEMOCRATIC GENERAL COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Committee was held yesterday evening. Mr. FRED. KALBFLEISCH in the chair. The object of the meeting was to take action on securing the appointment of a Democrat to the position of naval officer. Having disposed of the object of the meeting the body went into executive session.

KINGS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY MEETINGS.—The Republican Primary elections were held last evening in all the wards of Brooklyn. Local officers of the organization and delegates to the Ward and General Committees were chosen in each.

MORTALITY.—There were 168 deaths in Brooklyn last week.

Operation of the Whisky Ring.

The following is published in the New-Orleans papers as the sworn statement of a distiller in that city. If it is true there will probably be some changes in the Revenue officers in that vicinity:

"NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 14, 1867.

"JOHN W. ELDER, being duly sworn, stated as follows:

"That I am a member of what is called the 'whisky ring;' that the amount required to be paid (to-wit, $1,000,) on entering this association was paid by my partner, Mr. PEARCE, to Mr. IRWIN, Deputy Collector of the First District of Louisiana, in the month of July, 1867; that after said $1,000 was paid, I was further required to pay $1,000 monthly thereafter, with the privilege of running my distillery upon the further condition of my turning over one barrel out of every fifteen to be placed in bond.

I further state that Mr. CORNELL, Assistant Assessor of my division, was to have $300 per month in addition to the amounts paid by me monthly to the "whisky ring." Mr. CORNELL further stated to me that $300 was the least amount that any distiller in his division paid him, and he told me that Mr. LUSSE, a distiller at No. 88 Commerce-street, paid him $150 per month when he was not running. He told me that Mr. CROOKS paid him $300 a month. I refused to pay the amount, to wit, $300 claimed by Mr. CORNELL, whereupon he afterward informed me that I could not run the still without paying the tax on every gallon manufactured by me, stating that if I could not pay him I should pay the Government; that my distillery was the only one that had ever beat him. I further state that I had to pay Mr. BOWLAND, United States Inspector, $1 for every barrel branded by him, which amount was paid by my clerk, Mr. COLTON, to Mr. BOWLAND.

"And I further state that is the plan of working all the distilleries in this district that pay their $1,000 into the 'Whisky Ring;' that I conversed with a great many of them, and they all state that this is the plan upon which they work, never paying any tax to the Government on whisky manufactured by them. Most all of the distilleries have rectifying establishments near by so as to get their whisky from the stills to their rectifying establishments, which is done by means of false pipes put down into the receiving cisterns with a pump attached thereto. In this way they can run whisky into these rectifying establishments without trouble. I further state that a three hundred gallon still will make from eight to ten barrels of spirits in twenty-four hours, and I don't think that any smaller than eight-barrel still can pay the $1,000 to be paid by this "ring," (whisky,) and make any money and pay no tax. In fact, I don't know any small stills that have license. I further state that this "ring whisky" can be identified by the rectifier's brand, which is in all cases placed on the head of each barrel by the rectifier. There is no tax paid on whisky manufactured and rectified in this City.

Sworn to before JAMES READY, Assessor, Dec. 14, 1867.

J. W. ELDER.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 30—Evening.

Consols closed at 92¾@93¼ for money.

American securities closed at the following rates:

United States Five-twenty Bonds	72½
Illinois Central Railway Shares	88¾
Erie Railway Shares	48¾

FRANKFORT, Monday, Dec. 30—Evening.

United States Bonds are quoted at 76½@76¾ for the issue of 1862.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Dec. 30—Evening.

COTTON—The market closed firm at the following authorized quotations:

Middling Uplands	7¼d.
Middling Orleans	7¼d.

The sales of the day exceed the noon estimate by 2,000 bales—footing up 12,000 bales.

The total stock of Cotton at sea, designed for this port, is estimated at 194,000 bales, of which 70,000 bales are American.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is entirely unchanged, and quotations remain unaltered.

PROVISIONS—Beef has advanced to 42s. 9d. per cwt. for Cumberland Cut. Bacon is firm for Winter-cured; Pork, 67s. 6d.; Lard, 53s.; Cheese, 62s.

PRODUCE—Sugar steady, 26s. 6d. for No. 12 Dutch Standard; Resin, Common declined to 6s.; Medium nominally 6s. 3d.; Pale, 6s. 6d. Turpentine, 37s. Petroleum—Spirits, 2s.; Refined, 1s. 3½d. Cloversseed, 46s.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 30—Evening.

Whale Oil has declined to £38 5s per 252 gallons, and Sperm Oil to £110 5s per ton. Linseed, £16 10s. for Crude Calcutta. Linseed Oil, £37.

HAVANA, Monday, Dec. 30.

Sugar is quoted to-day as a reals for No. 12 Dutch Standard. Flour, $13 @ bbl. Potatoes, $4 @ 5. Exchange—On London, 12½@12¾ @ cent. On Paris, 5 @ cent. New-York, currency, short sight, 22½@23 @ cent. discount. Gold, long sight, ½@1 @ cent. premium; short sight, 2 @ cent. premium.

Domestic Markets.

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 30.

FLOUR dull; Spring Extras, $8 75@$10 25. No. 2 WHEAT is moderately active and unchanged at $1 35@$1 90¼; No. 1 WHEAT is quiet and unchanged. CORN quiet and declined 1c.; sales at 76c. OATS quiet at 44c.@45c. BARLEY dull and unchanged. RYE quiet and advanced 1c.@2c.; sales at $1 42@$1 43. MESS PORK, for cash, $19 50@$19 62½. LARD quiet at 12c. HIGHWINES more active; Cumberlands, 65c.; Short Ribs Sides, 9¼c.; Short Sides, 9½c. Clear Sides, 10½c. GREEN MEATS dull; hams, 10½c.@11c. PACKED HOGS firm and advanced 10c.@15c.; sales at $7 10@$8, dividing on 200. LIVE HOGS firm at $6 50@$7 25 for Common to Extra Choice. BEEF CATTLE dull and nominal. RECEIPTS—6,000 bbls. Flour, 6,000 bushels Wheat, 50,000 bushels Corn, 1,500 bushels Oats, 1,200 Hogs. SHIPMENTS—2,500 bbls. Flour, 12,000 bushels Wheat, 14,000 bushels Corn.

BUFFALO, Monday, Dec. 30.

FLOUR dull; sales 50 bbls. White Michigan at $12; 40 bbls. Western Bakers' at $10, and 100 bbls. at $8 75@$10 25 for Spring; $12@$13 50 for Amber; $13 50@$14 for White. RYE FLOUR steady at $9 75. WHEAT inactive and nominal at $2 03 for No. 2 Spring; $2 16 for No. 1 Spring; $2 75 for White Canada; $2 60 for Amber Canada. CORN quiet; sales eight cars Western at $1 15 for new. PEAS—Sales 1,500 bushels Canada, at $1 18, free. OATS nominal at 74c. for Western. RYE nominal at $1 40 for Western. BARLEY dull; sales 1,000 bushels Canada on private terms; quoted at $1 60@$1 65, as to quality. DRESSED HOGS nominal at 8c.@9c. MESS PORK nominal. LARD 13½c. HIGHWINES entirely nominal. GRAIN in store—46,000 bushels Wheat, 123,000 bushels Corn, 73,000 bushels Oats, 14,000 bushels Rye, 80,000 bushels Barley, 3,000 bushels Peas.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Dec. 30.

COTTON stiff; Middlings, 14½c.; sales, 6,000 bales; receipts since Saturday, 4,806 bales; exports, 6,854 bales. SUGAR firm; Common, 9¼c.@9¾c.; Fair, 10½c.@11½c.; Prime to Choice, 13½c. MOLASSES active; Common, 60c.; Choice, 75c. FLOUR dull and drooping; Superfine, $9 25@$9 50; Extra, $11 50; Choice, $12 50@$14 50. CORN firm at $1 07@$1 10. OATS dull at 80c. PORK very dull; no wholesale quotations. BACON—only a jobbing business; Shoulders, 10c.@10½c.; Clear Sides, 14½c.@14¾c.; Hams, 13½c.; Sterling Exchange, 144@147, and nominal. New-York Sight Exchange, ½@¾ cent. discount. Gold, 132¾.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Monday, Dec. 30.

FLOUR steady and unchanged; sales 600 bbls., at $10 80 for No. 1 Spring; $12 50 for Red Winter; $13 for White; $13 75@$14 for Double Extra. WHEAT quiet; held at $2 30 for No. 1 Milwaukee Club. CORN quiet; nominally $1 26@$1 30 for No. 1. OATS and other Grains nominal. CORN MEAL, $2 90 @ 100 lbs. MILL FEED scarce and firm; Shorts, $35; Shipstuffs, $40; Middlings, $46 @ ton. RAILROAD FREIGHTS—Flour to Boston, $1 10; to New-York, $1; to Albany, 87c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 28.

FLOUR and WHEAT are unchanged. The following are the quotations for mining stocks: Hale & Norcross, $70; Yellow Jacket, $77½; Crown Point, $700; Challenge, $158; Belcher, $194; Ophir, $90; Kentucky, $220; Imperial, $158; Savage, $116; Overman, $90. Legaltenders, 75c.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 30.

Stocks steady. Pennsylvania State Fives, 98¾; Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 28¾; Reading Railroad, 48; Pennsylvania Railroad, 52¾; Gold, 133¾.

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A KNOX WAR.—KNOX, the Hatter, of Nos. 212 and 533 Broadway, is determined not to allow the Loew Bridge to longer abridge the comforts of his neighborhood, and declares war against it. Soon KNOX's Lowering clouds will appear. He hopes to undo t the bridge. The Grand Jury will kindly listen to him, for do we not all know that "the body of the City and county of New-York" wear the Knox hat? Every Grand Juror prizes the Knox hat. In presenting bills, the Grand Jurors honor Knox's hat bills, and "present" themselves with Knox hats.

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EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE.

Prize medal awarded HERRING'S PATENT CHAMPION SAFES at Paris. Also, at the WORLD'S FAIR, LONDON, and WORLD'S FAIR, NEW-YORK. For sale only at No. 251 Broadway, corner Murray-st., New-York.

Departure of Foreign Mails.

TUESDAY.

Mails for South Pacific, Central America, California, &c., by the *Arizona*, close at the General Post-office at 10:30 A. M. Mails for Europe, *via* Boston and *Liverpool*, by the *Africa*, close at 5:30 P. M. Mails for Havana, by the *Lord Lovell*, close at 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.

All mails close at 10 A. M.

Passengers Arrived.

DEC. 30—*In steamship Deutschland, from Bremen*—Mrs. Cecilie Feldman, A. C. Lamotte, A. Boehm, E. Boefer, K. Heidegger, G. Bona, Cecilie Eisenhut, W. Jennell Jewett and family, Anna Grant, Isabella Grant, Geo. Bernew, Alb. Havemeyer and wife, Meyer Hecht and wife, Julie Dalton, Alexander Rouse, H. Goets, John C. Kimms, W. E. Blumberg, John Gillman, Miss Elina Ericius and child, Anna Ericius, Fred. Korn, O. Pfeffer, M. Carritto, G. Anderson, S. Forkheimer, H. Schmidt and wife.

In steamship San Francisco, from Greytown, Nic.—J. G. Mott, F. F. Bruen, U. S. A., Mrs. Dr. Hubbard, H. Kelly, Col. R. B. Williston, U. S. A., Major J. H. Walker, U. S. A., Capt. J. Williams, U. S. A., Dr. S. H. Garvin, W. B. Thomas, G. J. Lewis, J. A. Fry, A. H. Green, A. H. Dorr, F. H. Smith, Mrs. Dr. Hubbard wife, Mrs. L. A. Foster, J. D. Whipple, Mrs. S. A. Johnson, Mrs. E. Martell, Miss J. Davy, J. Davy, S. P. King, H. Rhodes, S. Sperry, C. J. Sage, S. Crandell, E. E. Potter, Thomas Kriebe, J. K. Watson, G. W. Schneider, J. S. Corman, Mrs. M. Williams, J. Wright, wife and two children, J. H. Long, J. Thorne, J. R. Reed, M. S. Short, J. B. Laurie, M. Doon, James Heckman, C. Hannan, S. H. Wetherbee, wife and four children, Mrs. E. McSweeny, B. F. Lovett, J. W. Graves, W. Durbraw, G. F. Young, Mrs. Gifford, H. B. Johnson, F. Kading, George Fredricks, A. Walker, T. Taylor, Thomas McMann, J. H. Stockton, F. Crowell, C. Hanshaw, R. M. Howes, Capt. A. F. Southern and wife, W. Pitts, B. Pepper, G. H. Emerson, G. B. Fitch, S. Allen, B. F. Martin, G. Cochran, T. J. Adams, J. H. Celis, and 152 in the third cabin.

In steamship Manhattan, from Charleston—J. A. Bristed, A. Sedgwick, Mrs. G. F. Olny, Jr.; Miss J. Whittemore, John T. Walsh, Rosa Leon, N. Federlin, Mary A. Warbeck, R. Bearman, L. Bearman and 11 in the steerage. The Manhattan also brings, of the passengers, officers and crew of the S. S. Raleigh, as follows: Capt. Nathaniel R. Mills, Wm. Welsh, John Soane, passengers; C. W. Bartlett, 1st officer; Gordon Young, 2d officer; N. Boyd, John McDonald, Patrick Harrington, James Penfield, Eugene Ellis, Michael Gibbons, Thos. Brown, Michael Larkin.

In steamship Hermann Livingston, from Savannah—Charles Green, Master Edward Hopkins, C. A. Benton, A. T. Thompson, C. S. Emerson, Geo. Foster, Capt. J. Peck, J. C. Alden, J. C. Mars, wife and 2 boys, Ed. Green, Gilbert Green, Mrs. Hunton, Lucy Green, Mary Green and nurse, A. L. Austin, Miss Ella Hussey, Miss O. Leary, J. d. Robb, W. Vincent, and Mr. Williamson, Virginia Williamson, Samuel Reilley, Jno. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Frank Clark, Miss Lizzie Robinson, Jno. H. Golden, James Hogan, Wm. Hogan, Wm. Fitzpatrick, Arthur Donaldson, Mrs. Lorenzo Mott, Wm. C. Edwards, and 20 in the steerage.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

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HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook..11 11 | Gov. Island..12 00 | Hell Gate..... 1 22

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....MONDAY, Dec. 30.

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